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## *A FOREWORD*

It has been very gratifying to me to learn that the publication of a history of the W.A. is in contemplation and that for many reasons. In the first place, it is very meet and right that the names of those who were instrumental in founding the organization should be recorded and have an abiding place in the history of the Canadian Church. Those faithful women richly deserve a high place in the records of the Church. In the swiftly flowing tide of time in this rushing age it is extraordinary how soon persons, no matter how conspicuous they were in their day and generation, are liable to be forgotten. It is our bounden duty, therefore, to keep green the memory of those benefactresses not only as a tribute due to themselves but as an inspiration to those who come after, who can read the records of their achievements and be stimulated by their example. "Let us now praise those famous women. . . . for the Lord hath wrought great glory by them through His great power from the beginning."

The Holy Scriptures chronicle the doings of a certain woman named Deborah, the wife of Lapidoth, and describe her as a "mother in Israel," who became so famous that her name has rung sweetly tuned in respect all down the centuries. May not



the history of the W.A. chronicle a more modern "mother in Israel," who has wrought great things for God and for good? There lived in Ottawa an ordinary Churchwoman, Roberta E. Tilton, the wife of Colonel Tilton. Possibly little was known of her at the time outside of her own Parish and her own City. Yet by her initiative she started something which will cause her name to pass down through the long corridors of time, honoured from generation to generation and never to be forgotten. For the sake of its foundresses, therefore, in the first place, it is fitting that there should be a permanent history of the great organization of the W.A.

In the second place, in view of what the organization has developed into, it deserves to have its history worthily recorded. I have neither the time nor the space in this Foreword adequately to give the story of all that the W.A. has meant to the Church. Its contributions to the cause of Missions have grown in a wonderfully increasing volume until they have become one of the greatest material assets of the Church. The ramifications of its varied activities in the Parishes, in the Home Base, in the Mission field, in the support of our Indian Schools and in numberless other directions, are simply wonderful. Beginning like a mustard seed, in a small way, the organization has widened out, expanded and spread until it has become a far-reaching, im-

mense, umbrageous tree, under the branches of which Parishes and Dioceses and Ecclesiastical Provinces and General Synods and Missionary Societies not only come and lodge, but live and move and have their being under its generous beneficence.

And it is not merely the material help which the W.A. affords that makes it of inestimable value, but it is the stimulus which it has imparted to the cause of Missions. Its influence in that respect has been invaluable. In Parishes and Dioceses and all along the line the men of the Church have been roused to increased interest when they have caught the pervading contagion of the women's zeal for God and the Church. During the long period of my Ministry I have witnessed the extending results of the work of the W.A., and recalling its roots when it was first planted in a modest way, and contemplating its fruits in the wide area of its developed work today, it is no small pleasure to me to know that its history is to be published and it is a real joy to me to bear testimony to what the Church owes to it by contributing this Foreword to the publication.

S. P. Rupert's Land,  
Primate.

## PREFACE

Through the privilege which has been accorded me, with the request to write these few words of "Preface," I am, indeed, glad to have the opportunity to express, on behalf of the whole membership of the Woman's Auxiliary, most sincere appreciation of the author, to whose versatile brain, retentive memory and ready pen we are indebted for this, "Our Story".

In this attractive little book is to be found most valuable historical information for which there is constant demand, and also, many a treasured anecdote and incident known only to those devoted women,—alas! too rapidly decreasing in number,—who have been in the work since its inception, and into whose self-sacrificing labours we have entered.

Such an one is Dr. Emily Willoughby Cummings, who since the very beginning of the "W.A.," has never failed to give of her best in whatever capacity she has been called upon to serve. Widely known and respected for her valuable interest, and work, in other World movements by, and for, women, Dr. Cummings has always put "first things first," and her multitudinous and influential duties in connection with other organizations, have never been allowed to conflict to the detriment of this very



definite Call to the service of her Lord and Master, and in this work of His Church for the spread of the Gospel.

For twenty-five years the Auxiliary has had the great benefit of her outstanding talents as Editor of its official Magazine, and in the compilation and publication of this long-desired History of the Society and its work, Dr. Cummings has offered to us a crowning gift, which will serve as a lasting memorial of her Jubilee year, and call forth the congratulations and gratitude of the whole Church, of which she has proved herself so valuable a member.

Mary Ferrabee,  
President.

Montreal, November, 1928.



# THE STORY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## CHAPTER I.

### *How We Began.*

In these days when even uninterested men and women hear and read in the daily press much about Missions it is not easy to realize how seldom the work for the spread of the Gospel was spoken of even by Church people in the days before 1883. True it is, however, that in some Parishes an Annual Missionary Meeting—usually a dull affair that few attended—and an annual collection for Missions was taken up, to which few people gave with much knowledge or interest, and as the Church of England in Canada had no organized Missionary Society, no “Foreign Missions” and no responsibility for any workers in the Fields, this money intended for work Overseas was always sent by the authorities to one or other of the two great English Missionary Societies as a token of appreciation for what they had done, and to a less degree were still doing, for Canada.



True it is also that Parochial Women's Missionary Societies existed in a few of the Parishes, and that in Montreal, London, and Toronto a society of this kind consisted of members from three or four Parishes. The Montreal society bore the name of "The Diocesan Missionary Association", and that in Toronto was called "The Churchwoman's Mission Aid," and its work was that of sending supplies of clothing and other necessities to some of the Missions in the Diocese and in Algoma. In Toronto also the Bishop, Dr. Sweatman, had established a monthly collection for Missions called the "Parochial Missionary Collections," when some literature of the English Societies was distributed, and at the time at which my story begins this had almost come to an untimely end from inertia.

But it is not of that time I write, but of more hopeful days when in Wycliffe College the "Canadian Church Missionary Society" had been formed and had sent out some workers into the Field, and the Provincial Synod in 1883 had called into being "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" of which every baptised person was a member, but which, of course, had jurisdiction in the Dioceses eastward from Algoma to the Atlantic only, as they alone constituted that Synod.

It was during the winter of 1885 that Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, a devoted Churchwoman of Ottawa,

went to visit some friends in New York and while there she was invited to accompany a member to a meeting of the "Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church." What she heard at the meeting interested her greatly, although at first the figures of the work done by the several departments seemed to be so large that she was impressed with the feeling "We never could do that in Canada." However when the reports of work done in the several Dioceses were given, the realization came to her that if we were organized in like fashion similar reports would in time show that "we could do that in Canada."

On her return home filled with enthusiasm she talked the matter over with some other earnest Churchwoman with the result that when the Board of Management of the Domestic and foreign Missionary Society met in Ottawa on April 16th, 1885, she headed a deputation of Churchwomen of that city who beside herself consisted of Mrs. Forest, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. William Muckleston, Mrs. Cunningham Stewart, and Mrs. Matheson, when on behalf of the Churchwomen of the Province she read the following address:—

My Lord, Reverend Fathers in Christ, and Members of the Domestic and Foreign Board of Missions:

"We come before you as a small deputation of

Churchwomen of Ottawa, to ask your consideration of Women's work, in connection with your Board.

"There are in the Church to-day Marys who have chosen the better part; there are the restless serving Marthas, who only want the opportunity to do something for Jesus; the Magdalens, who tell the story of our blessed Lord's resurrection; the Phoebes, who convey messages of love and Christian greeting; the Tryphenas, and Tryphosas, Dorcases, who are never weary in well doing; Priscillas, who are occupied in showing the way of the Lord more perfectly; yes, in the Church of Canada—from Victoria to Sydney—there are women longing to labor more abundantly, to consecrate all their talents to the Lord's work. And, knowing this, we ask that as the Apostles of old recognized the women of their day, as labourers with them, you, our beloved Fathers in Christ, may recognize the women of the Church of Canada, and give your hearty and earnest consent that there should be established, in connection with your Board, a Woman's Auxiliary. That you will consider before separating the best and most practical method of work, in every way facilitating the formation of Branch Auxiliaries in the different Dioceses and Parishes.

"We are assured that the women of the Church of England are prepared to accept whatever plan your



Board may consider the wisest, for the promotion of Missionary effort, and the advancement of our Master's Kingdom.

“We are very faithfully, and in the love of Christ,  
Your co-workers,

Fanny M. Forrest,	Harriet Muckleston,
Annie M. Pollard,	Geraldine Stewart,
Jessie Bell,	Annie Matheson,
Roberta E. Tilton.”	

The Chairman, The Bishop of Ontario (Bishop Lewis) replied to this address on behalf of the Board most sympathetically and after the deputation had withdrawn the following resolution was passed:—

Moved by Archdeacon Bedford-Jones, (Kingston) Seconded by the Bishop of Algoma, (Bishop Sullivan):

“That the Board has received with unfeigned gratitude to God, the deputation of ladies, initiating the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Association. Most heartily the Board wishes this important movement Godspeed, and will welcome the co-operation of all our Christian Sisters in the Church of this Ecclesiastical Province in carrying out the noble object of our Missionary Society; and

“That the following be a sub-Committee to confer

with the ladies who have addressed the Board, and to take such preliminary steps as may be deemed advisable for the promotion of the object in view:—

The Lord Bishops of Ontario, (Lewis) and Toronto, (Sweatman), Rev. J. D. Cayley, Hon. Thomas White, (Ottawa) and the Mover.”

Mrs. Tilton was not originally a member of the Anglican Church, but became afterwards a very earnest and active member from conviction, and directed a large share of her time to Church work outside of the W.A. She was also an earnest worker in many good causes such as the National Council of Women of Canada, in which she served as Secretary of the Ottawa Local Council for some years, and she was also an untiring worker for the Ottawa Orphans' Home as one of the Board of Directors. In appearance she was tall and fine looking, with handsome features, holding herself very erect, especially when speaking on the platform. Her cordial manner, and the keen interest she took in whatever concerned her fellow-workers made her extremely popular with every one.

## CHAPTER II.

### *The First Diocesan Board.*

Next day this sub-Committee met the deputation together with some other Ottawa Churchwomen and a Provisional Committee was formed, with Mrs. Pollard as Chairman and Mrs. Tilton the Secretary, and to this committee the wives of the several Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province were added.

On April 21st, at the request of the Bishop of Ontario a meeting was held in Ottawa with the object of forming a Diocesan Board for that Diocese. This took place in the then St. John's Parish House and the Rector, the Rev. H. Pollard, was in the chair. A very helpful address upon the proposed Auxiliary was given by the Rev. J. D. Cayley of Toronto. At this meeting, and in accord with the Constitution the wife of the Bishop, Mrs. Lewis, was elected Diocesan President, with Lady Tilley (afterwards of St. John, N.B.) was the first Vice-President, Mrs. Tilton continuing as Secretary.

Through the kindness of Miss Emery, then Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church in the United States, a supply of copies of their Constitu-

tion and other literature was received and the Provisional Committee made much use of this in drawing up a Constitution for the Province, one for the Dioceses and another for Parochial Branches, a large supply of these were printed and during the following May copies were sent to each of the Bishops and Clergy in the Province.

The replies received to these letters by the Provincial Committee were not all satisfactory,—indeed some of the Bishops did not reply at all! The matter was, however, placed before the Synods of Toronto and Ontario in June, and the necessary resolutions of approval were passed that would enable the Churchwomen of these Dioceses to proceed with organization.

In September the Provincial Committee, as it was now called, decided to send out another letter to the Bishops who had not replied to the first, in order that a full report might be made to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions at their coming meeting in Montreal in October. This letter expressed the hope that a committee of ladies might be formed in each Diocese to take in hand the work of organizing the Diocesan Board and Parochial Branches as had already been done in Ontario. To this letter satisfactory replies were received from the Bishops of Montreal (Bond), Quebec (Williams), Niagara (Hamilton), and Huron (Baldwin).



The report which the Committee were able to submit to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions showed the following results: Diocesan Boards had been formed in Niagara, Quebec, and Ontario (Ottawa). Algoma and Toronto had appointed provisional Committees, and Montreal, Huron, Toronto and Fredericton had already Women's Missionary Aid Associations engaged in work. As a result the following resolution was moved on receipt of this report:

Moved by Dr. Mockridge (Secretary), Seconded by Mr. Walkem (Kingston)

"That this Board has heard with pleasure of the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Society in connection with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, and highly recommend that the ladies of Ottawa who have so vigorously commenced the work do proceed with it on the full and hearty authorization of the Board itself." Carried.

The Abstract of the Minutes of that meeting contain the following strong recommendation to the Clergy to endorse this new organization:

"Your Board recognizing the opportunity which the forming of Auxiliary Committees affords of carrying the Church's Missionary efforts into every home, through the untiring and enthusiastic efforts of women, feel that they cannot urge too strongly

upon the Clergy the importance of using their position and influence to promote the formation of a Woman's Auxiliary Committee in each congregation."

The next step taken by the Provincial Committee was to call a meeting to be held in Montreal on September 9th and 10th, while the Provincial Synod was in session, in order to complete the organization of a Provincial Board. Before speaking of this meeting, however, attention should be drawn to the Constitution that had been sent out by the Committee, for this at once proved to be in some respects unworkable and necessitated changes. For example, by this Constitution the President *must* be the wife of the Metropolitan Bishop, position, and not fitness, or indeed willingness, seeming to be the only consideration. Only two other Officers were provided for, a Secretary-Treasurer, and an Assistant Secretary. Meetings were to be held only Triennially, at the time and place of the Provincial Synod.

The By-Laws provided that all money contributed by the members of the W.A. was to be sent to the Provincial Treasurer, who was to forward it to the Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The delegates from the Dioceses to the Triennial meetings were to be the Diocesan President and two delegates appointed by the Bishop.

The Diocesan Constitution also had a like clause

concerning the President, who *must* be the wife of the Bishop. The Vice-Presidents were to be the Presidents of the Parochial Branches, so that if that rule still prevailed Toronto, for example, would now have nearly 300 Vice-Presidents! In these Constitutions, however, there was no provision for Dorcas work, or work among Girls or Juniors, or for Mission Study.

It was most unfortunate that at the very beginning of our work, what proved to be a serious misunderstanding arose, which caused much confusion and even differences of opinion at times between the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Society and ourselves for several years, the cause of which however did not become clear for a long time. That Board quite understood that it was the intention of the women in offering to be their Auxiliary to undertake to collect the money required by the Board from house to house in the Parishes, while of course the women never had such a thought in mind, nor indeed would ever have been willing to work in that way. As time passed on and this was not done it is not surprising that members of that Board were heard to say, "the W.A. do work hard, but they are no real Auxiliary to us," nor did that Board in the least realize how much they owed the increase in their funds to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary in spreading Missionary information and interest.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *The Provincial Board is Formed.*

And so we come to what was really the first Provincial meeting, that of September 9th, 10th, 1886, which was held in the Theological College, Montreal. The notices that had been sent out had invited "All Churchwomen desirous of joining in the movement to attend," so that it is decidedly disappointing to find that only the following had responded to the invitation:—

Quebec: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Thornloe, Mrs. Bell Irvine, Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. Macpherson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Horseman.

Niagara: Mrs. Gregory.

Ontario: Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Grant Powell, Miss Yeilding, Miss Gildersleeve, (Kingston) Miss MacCaulay, (Kingston).

Toronto and Algoma: Mrs. Renaud, (who was staying with relatives in Montreal.)

Huron: Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Tilley.

Fredericton: Miss Murray.



Nova Scotia: Mrs. Kaulbach.

Montreal: Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Leach, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. R. Lindsay, Mrs. D. Lindsay, Mrs. H. J. Evans, Mrs. Holden, Miss Gamble and several other members of the Montreal Society.

As the wife of the Metropolitan, (Mrs. Medley) was not present Mrs. Williams (Quebec) was voted into the chair, and Mrs. Houghton (Montreal) and Mrs. Gregory (Hamilton) were appointed to act as Recording Secretaries, and Miss Gildersleeve (Kingston) was appointed Treasurer. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Henderson, President of the Montreal Diocesan Missionary Association, and Mrs. Tilley of London replied on behalf of the visitors.

The steps that had led up to this meeting and the work done by the Provisional Committee were clearly described by Mrs. Tilton, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was tendered. Unfortunately the Minutes of that very important meeting are very meagre, economy in printing evidently being much more considered then, than the fact that a full account would in years to come be most valuable to future workers. For example a question asked from the floor "Can money be sent by a Parochial Branch direct to its destination and simply be reported to the Diocesan Treasurer?" evoked a full and very in-

teresting discussion, we are told, but the only record given is that finally the chair ruled that "a report of such sums to the Diocesan Treasurer is all that is necessary."

Some of the information given then by the representatives of the Dioceses make interesting reading now, especially when unfortunately so few of the Diocesan Boards seem to have kept any account of their early beginnings. For Quebec Mrs. Williams said that "all five Parishes in that city had organized Parochial Branches and so had Sherbrooke, Lennoxville, Windsor Mills, and Cookshire." Miss Yielding for Ottawa was able to report a fully organized Diocesan Board for Ontario, and fifteen Parochial Branches. Montreal Diocesan Missionary Association had not yet been formally incorporated with the Woman's Auxiliary, but had five Parochial Branches in the See City and four in the country. Mrs. Tilley for Huron said that their Missionary Association in London had not yet been incorporated with the W.A., but was organized in most Parishes and doubtless would join in the near future.

The Toronto report said that a Branch had been formed in Parkdale and Missionary Societies formerly organized in some of the city Churches would probably join the W.A. This Diocese had already the "Churchwoman's Mission Aid" doing Dorcas work in the Diocese and parts of Algoma, and there

was also the "Parochial Missionary Association" under the Bishop that collected money and distributed English Missionary Literature in the homes, but "it is still hoped that the W.A. may soon be established."

Mrs. Gregory of Niagara read a report sent by Miss Bellhouse (Hamilton) which stated that four Parochial Branches had been formed in that Diocese.

Miss Murray of St. John said Mission work is done by Churchwomen in some of the City Parishes, one of them worked for Zenana Missions and is called "The Julie Kerr Mission," after a member who had died. They support a Biblewoman in India at a cost of about \$80 a year.

On the morning of the second day the following resolution was carried unanimously:

Moved by Mrs. Tilton.

Seconded by Mrs. Tilley.

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting, consisting of representative women of the Church of England in Canada, that the Ecclesiastical Province is ready for the formation of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Church in Canada."

The Provincial Constitution, slightly amended so as to provide for a Corresponding and Recording

Secretaries and a Treasurer, was adopted, and afterwards Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Houghton (Montreal) and Mrs. Gregory were elected respectively to these offices. Addresses from Deputations of Bishops and Clergy from the Provincial Synod, and a visit by invitation to that Synod, together with addresses from Miss Emory, the Secretary of the W.A. in the United States, a welcomed visitor, were all much enjoyed, but these, unfortunately, took up a good deal of the time of the Meetings and therefore greatly limited the discussions of many important questions as to organization and scope of work.

## CHAPTER IV.

### *How the Letter Leaflet Began.*

The Second Triennial Meeting, which met in Montreal, September 10-13, 1889, showed a very great advance in several directions, as well as in Membership. The Diocesan Boards of Ontario, Huron, Toronto, Niagara and Montreal, had each their full delegation consisting of the Diocesan President and two Delegates from each Board. Mrs. Boomer was proxy for Algoma, Miss Murray represented Fredericton, and the Diocesan President was the only representative for Quebec.

The following were the official delegates:

*Ontario:* Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. McLeod Moore, Mrs. R. V. Rogers.

*Huron:* Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Eakins, Mrs. Lings.

*Toronto:* Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Mrs. John McNab.

*Niagara:* Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. P. Crawford, Mrs. Sutherland.

*Montreal:* Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. McKinnon.



*Quebec:* Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Bell Irvine.

*Algoma:* Mrs. Boomer, London, (Proxy for Mrs. Sullivan).

Diocesan Boards had therefore been formed or former Missionary Societies had affiliated and had done active work in Ontario, Huron, Toronto, Niagara, Montreal, and Quebec. In Fredericton and Nova Scotia the women were organized to work exclusively for Diocesan Missions, and steps had been taken to form a Parochial Branch in Sault Ste. Marie. Each Diocesan Board had adopted a Diocesan Motto and a Diocesan Colour.

(See page 56.)

It is evident that the clause in the Constitution, whereby the wife of the Bishop—no matter what her personal qualifications or desires might be—must ex-officio be the Diocesan President, was not approved of by the workers, for it was changed in all Diocesan Constitutions and with one exception the office, like all the others, was made elective. In Huron alone the President is appointed by the Bishop. Nor has the original clause commended itself to any of the twenty-one Diocesan Boards that have since been formed.

Mrs. Medley, the Provincial President, was not present at this meeting so Mrs. Baldwin, Diocesan

President of Huron was voted into the Chair. Mrs. Houghton, the Recording Secretary, had resigned in July, 1888, and she had appointed Mrs. Leach, also of Montreal, to take her place until this Triennial Meeting, so the officers on the Platform, besides the acting President, Mrs. Baldwin, were Mrs. Tilton, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Leech, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Gregory, Treasurer. A visitor from overseas was Miss Ling, of India, a Missionary of the Church of England Zenana Society.

A notable feature of the Meeting was the fact that from Diocesan Boards, rather than from the Provincial Board, came requests for various enlargements and improvements in the work. The wisdom of including the estimated value of Dorcas boxes sent to needy Missions in the Treasurer's report was questioned by several delegates and caused an animated discussion. The need of a Provincial Dorcas Secretary so as to centralize the work at present overlapping was urged by Toronto and endorsed by Niagara and Ontario. As this would involve a change in the Constitution the appointment of this officer, which was unanimously agreed to, had to be postponed for three years, and as a means of meeting the difficulty in the meantime a resolution was carried unanimously, Moved by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings (Toronto), Seconded by Mrs. Boomer (Huron, That the Corresponding Secretary

carry on the work of the Dorcas Secretary also, until the said officer can be appointed.

And now begins the story of our "Letter Leaflet." To go back to the very beginning of our Official Organ, picture to yourself a Corresponding Secretary at her desk busily trying to patch together a letter from a Missionary that had been handed on from one Branch to another until it was actually worn into tatters. Typewriters and duplicators were unknown quantities to the W.A. of those days, and this, like many other similar letters, had already been repaired by the Secretary more than once.

"It will soon be more patch than letter," laughed the Diocesan President, Mrs. Williamson who sat beside the desk watching her efforts. "I do wish we could afford to print those letters," she added, for they do more than anything else to increase interest." But she did not stop at wishing, and so the following September saw the publication of the first number of "The Letter Leaflet" a tiny eight paged little pamphlet, with Mrs. Williamson as its Editor, for which, at the end of the first year, there were 300 subscribers in the Toronto Diocese, the Annual Subscription being 15 cents.

How proud we were of it! There surely had never been anything to equal it before! You who are inclined to be critical of our present "Living Message" with its attractive two-colour cover, good

paper, and illustrations, don't laugh at us when you read of our great pride in our very small beginnings!

The advisability of the other Diocesan Boards joining Toronto in the publication of this little "Letter Leaflet" was brought forward at this Meeting by Mrs. Williamson, President of the Toronto Diocesan Board and its Editor, who spoke of the end this little magazine might serve in cementing and harmonizing the work of the W.A. if it was universally adopted by all the Dioceses. A Committee was appointed to consider the matter who afterwards brought in a resolution recommending its general adoption by the several Boards, and this recommendation was also endorsed by the Meeting.

Another matter then considered for the first time was the question of providing education for the children of Missionaries who live too far from available schools. Mrs. Boomer on behalf of Huron urged this need strongly and after much discussion it was voted that each Diocesan Board be recommended to form an Educational Department, and that funds contributed for this Educational Work be allocated by the several Diocesan Annual Meetings.

The desirability of the Provincial By-laws being so enlarged that definite objects of work might be undertaken by the W.A. was urged by Mrs. Boomer, Miss Murray (Fredericton), Mrs. Willoughby Cum-

mings and others, but Mrs. Rogers of Kingston disapproved, and said that "being only an Auxiliary, and not an independent body, we should conform as much as possible to the wishes of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions and send in all money undesignated to them." Mrs. Tilton strongly endorsed this statement and the proposed resolution was thereupon withdrawn.

This will explain a matter that has been a puzzle to many W.A. workers of later years, who have often expressed surprise at the fact that the older Dioceses had assumed definite pledges, respectively, before any had been undertaken by the Provincial Board.

An invitation from the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions to the delegates to attend a meeting of the Board, the Officers to take seats on the platform, and appoint some one of their number to speak for the W.A., was received by this meeting, but the idea of seats on the platform was not for a moment entertained by the very retiring and humble W.A. It was moved, however, that Mrs. Tilton speak for the W.A., but this she refused to do, and the meeting therefore appointed the Bishop Sullivan of Algoma to be their spokesman and representative on the platform.

At this meeting Mrs. Medley, ex-officio, was again of course, by constitution, the Provincial President,



and Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Leech and Mrs. Irvine (Quebec) were elected Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Although they were outside of the Ecclesiastical Province and therefore were unable to be a part of the Auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, some of the very interested Church women in Winnipeg had organized in 1886, their understanding from Mrs. Tilton being that all the Dorcas boxes from the Eastern Provincial Branches would be sent to them for redistribution, they being in a better position, as nearer the Field, to understand the needs of the West. A few boxes were sent in this way but only a very few, and a good deal of unfortunate disappointment and misunderstanding was experienced by these few earnest Western women.

As there had been no provision made up to this time for the expenses of the Provincial Board it was decided to ask each Diocese to pay \$10 annually for that purpose.

## CHAPTER V.

### *Still More Steps in Advance.*

In 1890 it is noted that the Dioceses of Huron, Niagara, Ontario and Quebec having joined Toronto in the publication of the Letter Leaflet, each paying its share of the expenses, the little Leaflet was now enlarged to 16 pages.

In 1890 also the Toronto Diocese sent two of its Diocesan officers, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Louey Paterson, Dorcas Secretary, to visit as many of the Missions, Hospitals and Indian Reserves as possible in Algoma, Rupert's Land, the Middle West, Calgary and British Columbia.

The information that was then acquired at first hand and the interest aroused by these visits, both in the places visited and also markedly afterwards in the Eastern Dioceses when the travellers returned home and addressed many meetings, was indeed great. Not only so, but as they had been privileged also to speak to the Churchwomen concerning the W.A. in the Dioceses of Algoma, Rupert's Land, Qu'Appelle, Calgary, New Westminster and Columbia during their visits, this had paved the way for

the organization of Diocesan Boards when the Union of the Church and the formation of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada afterwards made this feasible.

Staying with Bishop and Mrs. Sullivan at Sault Ste. Marie so as to visit the Shingwauk and the Wawanash Homes (now continued in the Shingwauk Home they had the pleasure and privilege of meeting Chief Shingwauk, then a very old man, whose request for a "teaching wigwam" for the children of his people has been the instigation of the establishment of these Homes. Among their many unique experiences during these Missionary visits was that of being adopted as his daughters by Chief Old Sun of the Blackfoot Indians and an offer of marriage from one of that tribe to Mrs. Cummings, although he already had three wives. Bishop Hill of Victoria nicknamed the visitors "Paul and Barnabas" but would never explain to them which was which.

The Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions passed a hearty resolution of congratulation to the travellers concerning the help they felt their visits would be to the cause of Missions.

Diocesan Pledges had been undertaken as follows:—by Toronto, the salary of a Missionary in Temiskaming Diocese of Algoma; the Blackfoot Home for Indian Girls; the salary of a woman Mis-

sionary, Blackfoot Reserve; in Niagara, the education of a Missionary's daughter; in Huron, a Lady Missionary for the Indian School on the Blood Reserve; and in Montreal, part of the salary of a Lady Missionary at the Washakada Indian School, Elkhorn; in Ontario, a Lady Missionary at the Peigan Reserve. By resolution of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions these Lady Missionaries were accepted by that Board as their Missionaries.

Another outstanding event of that year was the receipt of a resolution from the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions asking the W.A. to undertake the salary, outfit and travelling expenses of the first Woman Missionary to the Overseas Field—Miss Sherlock, who had offered to that Board for Japan. Each Diocese was asked by the Provincial Board to give \$150 to meet this requirement, and so in this way the first "General Pledge" was undertaken—in spite of Mrs. Rogers' resolution and the adverse decision concerning such a pledge at the previous Triennial Meeting. Miss Sherlock, therefore, sailed for Japan on October 25, 1891, but becoming engaged to be married on the voyage over to Japan, she stayed at the work but a short time, when she was succeeded by Miss Jennie Smith.

During this year Quebec led the other Dioceses in doing away with any valuation on Dorcas work other than the actual cost of the materials used



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and the freight charges. This Diocese also took a pledge for the other half of the salary for the Lady Missionary in the Elkhorn School and for the education of a Missionary's Daughter.

The principle of Life Membership had been adopted by Toronto, Montreal and Niagara Diocesan Boards during that year.

A very beautiful Diocesan Certificate of Life Membership was adopted by the Toronto Board, designed by Mr. Willoughby Cummings, and was engraved by Copp Clark Co. of that city. This design has since been adopted by the other Diocesan Boards, with, of course, the necessary changes of motto and in colour.

The Triennial Meeting in 1892 is specially memorable, among other reasons, because of the election of a President and of a General Dorcas Secretary for the first time; the Constitution having been amended so as to admit of these additions to the list of officers.

Mrs. Tilton was elected President and Miss Louey Paterson, Dorcas Secretary.

Again Mrs. Medley was absent and, therefore, Mrs. Lewis, wife of the Bishop of Ontario, was voted into the chair. It was reported that Churchwomen in the Dioceses of New Westminster and Calgary had organized, and that the Diocesan Con-

stitution of Calgary had been drawn up by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings at the request of Bishop Pinkham of that Diocese.

At this meeting a resolution was received from the Toronto Diocesan Board asking that a uniform Membership Badge be adopted. In speaking to this resolution Mrs. Williamson pointed out how the use of such a badge would enable members all over Canada to recognize each other and she instanced many cases where such a badge would have proved of value. The idea of a uniform badge was agreed to, and several designs for the same were suggested. Mrs. Twing of the United States W.A., who was a guest, said that if their W.A. ever adopted a badge it would certainly be the Winchester Cross, as that is the centre of the "Cross of Jerusalem" which was worn by the Crusaders. As the result of this statement the meeting decided to adopt the Winchester Cross, of silver for the members, and of gold for the life members.

It was further suggested that the W.A. motto, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," and the letters W.A., should be engraved on the badge, and to the desirability of this all were agreed, but the fear of the additional cost if this was done caused the resolution that was passed to read, "A plain Winchester Cross be adopted with the letters W.A. engraved upon it." It was decided that the Dio-

cesan Boards should secure estimates for the badges and send these estimates to Mrs. Tilton.

The Toronto Board had decided nearly a year before to adopt a Membership Badge, but had postponed further action in order to bring the matter before the Triennial Meeting, and if possible, secure a uniform badge for all Canada, so it was natural that they should take action on this resolution immediately. This they did, and finding that there would be no extra cost for engraving the W.A. motto on the cross as well as the letters "W.A.," this design was sent to Mrs. Tilton with the estimates, and she wrote to the Toronto Board, directing that the design and estimates be accepted. The order was given and the badges were made, and within two weeks afterwards over 200 had been sold in Toronto at exactly cost price.

Then came an appalling letter from Mrs. Tilton saying that these badges must all be recalled immediately, for she had forgotten it had been arranged that all the other Dioceses were to send in estimates also, and she further said that objection was taken to the design as the resolution that was passed read, "A plain Winchester Cross with the letters W.A. engraved upon it."

The Toronto Board had then no funds available to meet the loss on these badges, and the 100 more still in hand, if they were returned to the manu-

facturer, so it was impossible to comply with the President's request.

At the next Triennial Meeting, however, a resolution was passed authorizing the use of this badge for the Toronto Diocese.

This is, therefore, the story of why the badge worn by the Toronto members is different from that worn by all the others—a matter that is often questioned by new members. That this should have happened to the Diocesan Board which had led in the desire for a uniform badge has been a decidedly trying experience to that Board.

Of other changes that were made at this time in the Constitution and By-laws besides the two that have been already recorded, one provided for an Annual Meeting of the Provincial Board as well as the Triennial Meetings, and another change was to the effect that besides the Provincial officers, three officers from each Diocesan Board should also be members of the Board; also that the election of officers be by ballot, that no officer should hold more than one office on the Board at the same time; and that at the Triennial Meetings each Diocesan Board should further be represented by four elected delegates.

Another important matter settled at this time was the adoption of a uniform prayer and a uniform list



of monthly subjects for reading and prayer. The latter was compiled by Mrs. Forrest of Ottawa.

The Members' Prayer, as we now call it, was compiled by Mrs. Williams of Quebec, from other prayers, and since its adoption at that time, there have been three additions authorized by the Board at different meetings. The first of these was the addition of the concluding inscription, "Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end," urged by Niagara; the second was the insertion of the words, "May those of us whom Thou hast called to service, hear and obey Thy voice," and the third is the recent insertion of the words, "On those who have forgotten Thee."

A resolution was received at this meeting from the Domestic Foreign Board again urging "the necessity as well as the duty" that the W.A. funds be sent into that Board undesignated, but this of course was not agreed to by the meeting.

The Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund, now so familiar a feature of our W.A. life, began in this way: Mrs. John MacNab, one of Toronto's earnest workers in the early days, had read of such a scheme of giving money carried on in a Church somewhere in the United States, and it so interested her and appealed to her as a feasible plan for those of small means who could, by self-denial, thus increase their

giving, that she proposed it and urged its adoption upon the Toronto Board in 1891. This was agreed to and it was further decided that a special Treasurer should be appointed and whatever came in each month should be voted away at the next Board Meeting to meet the most pressing appeal.

Eagerly and enthusiastically this new scheme of giving "an extra cent a day" was taken up by those in particular to whom even this giving meant real self-denial. One dear member came to me in distress at the close of a Board Meeting because her daughters, knowing her inability to walk, had refused to allow her to give up riding in the street cars so that she might join the "Extra-Cent-a-Day," and when I said I thought they were quite right her sweet face looked very sad. Next month, however, she rushed to me as soon as the meeting closed, and with beaming eyes, she said, 'I have found a way! And it is quite all right, and neither the girls nor you can object.' Questioned as to what this "quite all right" plan was, she said, "I always give up eating butter in Lent and give the money in my Easter offering, so if I can do without butter during Lent I can do without it all the year round, and so I have joined the "Extra-Cent-a-Day." Looking at the joy in her face one could only agree, and thank God for this dear saint. That this Extra-Cent-a-Day money seemed to have been specially blessed should surely be no surprise.

How through these "Extra Cents" emergencies have been met would fill pages to tell—such as the case of the wife of a poor Clergyman whose operation was imperative, but for which there was no money—that of another equally poor country Parson whose house and all its contents was burned and no insurance—and so I might go on. Thank God for the Extra-Cent-a-Day.

In one Diocese where these "Extra-Cents" make a large sum monthly, the Executive Committee decides upon the three or more most urgent appeals of the month, and the voting of the "Extra-Cents" to one of these is the great excitement of the big Board Meeting. There is nearly always "a motion," "an amendment," and "an amendment to the amendment" before the allotment is decided.

After one such vote a visitor, not then a member of the W.A., said, "It is no wonder you all get so interested in your work, it is so human, and not just bald figures and money."

This Extra-Cent-a-Day is now adopted by almost all the Diocesan Boards but each, of course, has its own arrangements as to the way the money is used.

At the close of the first year of this fund the Toronto Board had received by means of these "Extra

Cents" \$63.95, and up to the Annual Meeting of 1928 the amount thus received came to \$68,777.65.

Financial returns in the other Dioceses from the Extra-Cent-a-Day Fund are, unfortunately, not available.

The officers elected at this Triennial Meeting (1892) were: President, Mrs. Tilton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Montizambert (afterwards Mrs. E. St. George Baldwin) (Quebec); Dorcas Secretary, Miss L. Paterson (Toronto); Recording Secretary, Mrs. Denne (Montreal); Treasurer, Mrs. Bell Irvine (Quebec).

A Committee on Junior Work was appointed, consisting of Mrs. John Simson (then of Niagara), Miss Tilley (Toronto), Miss MacCaulay (Ontario), Miss McCord (Montreal), Miss Racey (Huron), and Mrs. Carpenter (Quebec).

Provincial Life Membership was adopted by this meeting, the beautiful certificate of which was designed by the famous artist, Mr. H. H. Howard of Toronto, after he had made a careful study of the literature of the W.A., and had grasped its ideals and its work.

The first badge decided upon for the Dominion Life Members was a bar of dark blue enamel with the following inscription, "Provincial W.A., L.M.," from which hung the gold Winchester Cross, but

at the Triennial Meeting of 1905 that was changed to the badge now in use—a gold bar with the letters “W.A.” in dark blue enamel, with the gold Winchester Cross depending as before.



## CHAPTER VI.

### *The First United Thankoffering.*

When the Provincial Board met in 1895 the Constitution was added to so as to include a "Junior Secretary" in the list of officers and afterwards Miss Julia Tilley of Toronto was elected to that office. The only other change in the list was the election of Miss Halson as Dorcas Secretary in the place of Miss L. Paterson, who had offered to go to Japan as an Honorary Missionary.

The first Constitution for Junior Branches was drawn up and adopted in 1890, and the Ribbon Badge for the Juniors was designed by Mr. Willoughby Cummings, of Toronto. The motto chosen for the Junior Department, "Thy Kingdom Come," was, unfortunately, afterwards adopted as the Diocesan Motto by the New Westminster Board, the members not realizing that it was already the motto of the Junior's Department.

Additions to the By-laws provided for the appointment by the Provincial Board to any office that became vacant between Triennial Meetings and for taking a vote in writing of the members of the Board between the meetings. Another Unit-

ed Pledge was undertaken for the support of a worker at Onion Lake. The Members' Prayer and the Missionary subjects for monthly reading and prayer were printed in the report of that meeting for the first time.

The fact of the enlargement of the representation of each Division Board in accordance with the change in the Constitution made this meeting noticeably larger than any that had been held previously. The first United Thankoffering, which came to \$836.95, was presented for the consolidation of the Church in Canada and was afterwards designated by ballot towards the erection of a hospital in Nagano, Japan.

A resolution asking the meeting to take into consideration the standing and position of the girls' Branches in the respective Dioceses, defining their name and, if possible, giving their work a place on the Triennial Programme was, on motion of the Ontario delegates, "laid on the table!"

Other resolutions that were passed were the following: The appointment of St. Andrew's Day for the giving of self-denial offerings to be voted upon afterwards at the next Triennial Meeting; the adoption of Royal Blue as the colour of the Provincial Board; and that the first Provincial Life Membership fees now in hand, \$150, be given to the Calgary Endowment Fund.

The first steps towards the extension of the W.A. beyond the Provincial limit was taken this year when a conference having been held with the Western Bishops, they afterwards appointed the following Churchwomen to correspond with the W.A. officers: Rupert's Land, Mrs. Fortin; Qu'Appelle, Miss Boyce (afterwards changed to Mrs. Burn); Saskatchewan, Mrs. Matheson; Calgary, Mrs. Bernard; Athabasca, Mrs. Young; New Westminster, Miss Lister.

An authoritative statement that met with approval was made by the Treasurer, Mrs. Bell Irvine, to the effect that "Not a single dollar of money spent for expenses by the several Diocesan Boards was taken from any Mission Fund, but in every case is from Members' fees or from a special assessment of the Parochial Branches."

The first Literature Standing Committee was appointed at the Triennial Meeting in 1895 and consisted of the Corresponding Secretary (Miss Montizambert), Convener; Miss Wicksteed, Ottawa; Mrs. Baldwin, Huron; Mrs. A. H. Broughall, Toronto; Miss McCord, Montreal; Mrs. E. Gowen, Quebec; Mrs. Fessenden, Niagara.

Through a serious misunderstanding among the Indians on the Blackfoot Reserve, among whom Mr. Tims (afterwards Archdeacon), had laboured most faithfully for 12 years, an unsuccessful

ful attack was made on his life, so a resolution of sincere sympathy was sent to him from the Triennial Meeting. Besides his untiring daily work for these people he had also reduced their language to writing, had compiled the first dictionary-grammar in that tongue and had translated and printed some of the Gospels and Hymns in the Blackfoot language.

Part of the individual work done in Canada by the Diocesan Boards at this time was the support of the following workers: Mrs. A. G. Wilson, Washakade School, Elkhorn, by Montreal; Mrs. Canning, Sarcee School, by Niagara and Quebec; Miss Symonds, at Blackfoot Reserve, by Toronto; Miss Kirby, at Blood Reserve, by Huron; Miss Brown, at Peigan Reserve, by Ontario; while Miss Paterson in Japan, Miss May Hoskin at Yale, and Miss Alice Turner on the Blackfoot Reserve, all of Toronto, were also working as voluntary Missionaries.

At this 1895 Triennial Meeting the number of Parochial Branches reported were 465, with a membership of 11,168. It was reported also that 1,784 bales had been sent out during the past three years to all Missionaries who had appealed for them. The Treasurer's returns for the Triennium which also included the financial value put on the bales, was \$22,054.45. There were 138 Junior Branches with 3,328 members, and their three years giving amount-

ed to \$557, including some bales. The circulation of the Letter Leaflet had reached 7,600, and the children of six Missionaries were being educated wholly or in part by the several Diocesan Boards.

At the Triennial Meeting of 1898, held in Montreal, six Dioceses, Quebec, Montreal, Ontario, Toronto, Niagara and Huron, were fully represented by officers and delegates. The six Provincial officers were on the platform, and the nine Life Members were also in attendance. Mrs. Fortin, of Winnipeg, and Mrs. Twing, Honorary Secretary of the W.A. in the United States, were welcome guests.

Again on the first day of this meeting came the usual letter from the House of Bishops, speaking for the Domestic and Foreign Board, asking the W.A. not only to send all their money into the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions undesignated, but also in every Parish throughout the Ecclesiastical Province "to canvas every member of the Church who is earning an income to become an annual subscriber to the same Board, the members of the W.A. to collect subscriptions year by year."

In reply to these requests the W.A. passed a strong resolution unanimously, to be sent to the Domestic and Foreign Board, asking that their work be allowed to continue as before, but be accepted by that Board as their own.



offering to submit a monthly Treasurer's Statement for the information of the Board.

The news of the formation of Diocesan Boards in Algoma and Prince Edward Island was welcomed, although some of the delegates were of the conviction that as P.E.I. is part of the Diocese of Nova Scotia this should not be accepted as a separate Diocesan Board. However, the fact that Nova Scotia had not as yet organized, the W.A. decided the meeting in favour of accepting Prince Edward Island as a Diocesan Board.

A form of service for Junior Branches was drawn up by a Committee and was accepted at this meeting. It was with much regret that the members heard a letter from Miss Paterson, in which she spoke of her ill-health and the necessity of her return from Japan. While there she had built a house in Matsumota as a residence for the girls being trained as Bible women, which was formally opened Sept. 20, 1897, and this she now offered to give to the W.A. The fact that the W.A. could not hold property in Japan made it necessary to decline this very generous offer with grateful thanks, and it was suggested to Miss Paterson that she give this house to the Japanese Church through Bishop Audray. It was decided to take a pledge for a worker to succeed Miss Paterson in Japan, and

Miss Shackleton, an English worker already there, was appointed.

Once more the W.A. were asked to confer with the Bishops and other members of the Domestic and Foreign Board. Once more the same proposals for work and for undesignated offerings were made to the W.A., including a sum of \$15,000 annually for that Board, besides the \$5,000 for Miss Smith's work in Japan, and once more Mrs. Boomer, Miss Montizambert, Mrs. Tilley (London), and Mrs. Williamson, made it quite clear that the W.A. could not work in that way, as the W.A. money is not that given in house-to-house collections, but is largely from self denial offerings.

In her reply Miss Montizambert spoke very earnestly and pathetically of the way in which many of the devoted members of the W.A. denied themselves in all kinds of ways in order to have money to give to Missions, quoting several incidents of which she had knowledge. When she finished speaking, one of the Bishops (one who had always refused to allow the W.A. to organize in his Diocese) rose, and with tears pouring down his face, said he had never been more deeply touched in his life, that he could not say he had ever denied himself anything in order to give to missions, that he felt deeply humiliated, etc., etc. When the conference adjourned Miss Montizambert, follow-

ing this Bishop into the hall, said to him, "My Lord, you will now allow the W.A. to be organized in your Diocese?" "No, I won't," was his curt answer as he turned away.

The feeling of dissatisfaction and of the impossibility of complying with the wishes of the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board caused the meeting later on to vote that we cease to be an auxiliary to the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions, but become instead a separate Women's Missionary Society. However, before the conclusion of the sessions it was decided unanimously to rescind this resolution.

In 1897 a Jubilee address was sent by the W.A. to Her Majesty Queen Victoria through the Secretary of State, and to this a very gracious and cordial reply was received through the same officer.

Before the next Triennial meeting in 1901 there had been several W.A. Branches formed in the Western Dioceses and a visit afterwards paid to some of these Dioceses by Miss Montizambert, the Corresponding Secretary, had been of great value to them. The changes of Church organization that would follow the formation of the General Synod for Canada was much under consideration at this time.

The United Thankoffering, presented for the first time at the opening W.A. service, was given towards Chinese work in Vancouver, Victoria having already

received a generous gift from an anonymous donor for the same work. It is interesting to note that the W.A. first asked permission of the Domestic and Foreign Board before designating this Thank-offering.

The need of a larger and more definite income for the expenses of the Provincial Board was stressed, and it was decided that a per capita grant at the rate of 1 cent a member be paid annually by each Diocesan Board.

At this Triennial Meeting Provincial Life Members were made members of the Board of Management by a resolution moved by Mrs. Baldwin (Huron), seconded by Mrs. Irvine (Quebec), the necessary addition to clause 4 of the Constitution being agreed to.

The Treasurer was instructed to present always a tabulated statement of receipts, and typewriters and copying machines were provided for three officers. Two new pledges undertaken were a Matron for Gordon school, and an Assistant Matron for Lesser Slave Lake school. The work that had been supported by several Dioceses among the Chinese in B.C. was assumed as a pledge. Miss Gaviller succeeded Miss Tilley as Junior Secretary, Mrs. Patterson Hall succeeded Miss Montizambert, Corresponding Secretary, whose coming marriage to Dr. Edmund St. George Baldwin, caused her resig-

nation. Miss Carter succeeded Mrs. Bell Irvine as Treasurer.

The Membership was reported as being 15,297 in 633 Senior Branches, 3,632 Juniors in 158 Branches, 15 Provincial Life Members, 1,989 bales sent out during the Triennium at a cost of \$37,-871.77; Treasurer's receipts for Triennium, \$69,-023.72; circulation of the Letter Leaflet, 8,613.

It was also decided by resolution that the management of the Letter Leaflet should be a Provincial rather than a Diocesan matter and the Editor should be an officer of the Provincial Board.



## CHAPTER VII.

### *A Great Advance.*

Here let me speak of another "beginning" which has been and will continue to be of great value to not only the W.A. but to the whole Church. That was the enrolment of the Babies—or as we now call them The Little Helpers. This was due to Mrs. Khuring, of Toronto, who, after she had attended a great Ecumenical Conference in New York in 1900, came home filled with the vision of what could result from the early enlistment of the little ones. A "Babies Branch" was therefore formed in the Toronto Diocese, and the simple rules and the most attractive membership card have been since adopted in most of the Dioceses.

And now we have come to one of the big milestones on our way. One of the great times for the Church at large, for which there had been years of careful preparation and very much earnest prayer for guidance—the time when we ceased to think, to act, to legislate, provincially, and became instead the Church of England in Canada—the time of the formation of the General Synod which includes all the Dioceses in this wide Dominion. Truly God had led us on into the larger field.

Because of these momentous changes and all they involved, our next and sixth Triennial Meeting was postponed from 1901 until 1905, but between these times were many important happenings and several great changes were wrought. The Board met each year however, and the Executive Committee also met four times. Of the formation of the General Synod in 1902 I need not write, the story is known to all.

The Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions formally, by resolution of the General Synod, went out of existence in September, 1902, and the enlarged Missionary Society of the Church in Canada by resolution of the same General Synod was formed, in which was merged the Canadian Church Missionary Society of Wycliffe College.

As we could not continue to be an Auxiliary to a society that no longer existed, a formal resolution dissolving that union was passed at the Annual Meeting of our Board in September, 1902.

Once again the vexed question as to whether we now become a separate organization as the Women's Missionary Society or continue as an Auxiliary to the newly formed Missionary Society of the Canadian Church was very earnestly discussed. Doubtless the final decision was influenced by the fact that a deputation of members from the former D. and F. Board and others of the newly formed M.S.C.C.

came to us, and the Bishop of Quebec read us a resolution passed by the latter Society expressing appreciation of the work that had been done by the W.A., and their desire for our continued co-operation.

Another deputation followed of representatives from the Dioceses in the North-West and B.C., asking for the enlargement of our organization, to include the women of those Dioceses. Following all this we passed a resolution that we become provisionally an Auxiliary to the M.S.C.C., and that, of course, made it feasible at last to include in our ranks the Diocesan Boards that had already formed outside our former provincial organization—Rupert's Land, New Westminster, Calgary and Qu'Appelle—as well as the others that were to be formed later, as follows:—Fredericton, Nov. 4, 1903; Yukon, March, 1904; Columbia, Dec. 7, 1904; Keewatin, June 26, 1925; Nova Scotia, Nov. 24, 1905; Saskatchewan, 1905; Kootenay, June 27, 1906; Moosonee, Oct. 2, 1906; Caledonia, August 1, 1907; Edmonton, Dec., 1913; Athabasca, 1915; Brandon, Jan. 29, 1925; Cariboo, 1926.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF THE DIOCESAN MOTTOS AND COLOURS AS AFTERWARDS ADOPTED:

ALGOMA—"One Body in Christ." Trinity Green.

ATHABASCA—"They went and told Jesus." Silver and Mauve.

BRANDON—"Go ye into all the world." Purple and White.

CALEDONIA—"By love be servant to one another." Red and Gold.

CALGARY—"Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Red and White.

CARIBOO—"Fellow-workers unto the Kingdom of God." (No colours yet chosen).

COLUMBIA—"Fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Old Rose.

EDMONTON—"The joy of the Lord is our strength." Green and Gold.

FREDERICTON—"Launch out into the deep." Sea Green.

HURON—"Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God." Dark Red and Yellow.

KEEWATIN—"Be ye followers of Me." Rose and Grey.

KOOTENAY—"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." Gold, White and Blue.

MACKENZIE RIVER—"The Wilderness and the Solitary Place shall be glad for them." Orange and Black.

MONTREAL—"Go work to-day in My vineyard." Purple.

MOOSONEE—"Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." Mauve and White.

NEW WESTMINSTER—"Thy Kingdom come." Royal Blue and Gold.

NIAGARA—"Lo, I am with you alway." Yellow.

NOVA SCOTIA—"At Thy word I will let down the net." Terra Cotta.

ONTARIO—"She hath done what she could." Bright Red.

OTTAWA—"God is love." Mauve.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—"As the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart." Light Green.

QU'APPELLE—"Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." Lavender.

QUEBEC—"Ye have done it unto Me." Pink.

RUPERT'S LAND—"With goodwill doing service." Crimson, Blue and Gold.

SASKATCHEWAN—*"Occupy till I come."* Peacock Blue.

TORONTO—*"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."* Light Blue.

YUKON—*"Who shall despise the day of small things."* White and Gold.

Strenuous work it was that revision of our Constitution and By-laws so as to suit the new conditions, and after the first draft was submitted to the Board of M.S.C.C. for approval, several conferences with officers of the M.S.C.C. and our Committee were held, and a second draft was submitted to that Board. This being approved, copies were sent to each Diocesan Board for careful consideration, and approval having also been expressed by all, it was adopted provisionally for use until the next Triennial in 1905.

A very heavy loss was experienced by the W.A. early in 1903 in the death of our much loved Mrs. Williamson, of Toronto. Writing of her death the Corresponding Secretary in her report said: "Her death caused a wave of sorrow and sympathy to sweep over the heart of every one of our members. So well did we realize we had lost one whose wise judgment, wondrous tact, and gentle courtesy exercised such a happy influence over us all. Not only as the founder of our magazine, and for many years the wonderfully efficient President of the Toronto Diocesan Board should we think of her, for her great executive ability, her wide vision was of the greatest



help and assistance during the early formative years of our Auxiliary. Truly of her it may be said: 'Her works do follow her'."

As I had always helped Mrs. Williamson with the Letter Leaflet I continued to act as Editor during the months of her illness and for the succeeding time until the Board met in October, 1903, when I was formally elected Editor. During this meeting, and at the request of the Toronto Diocesan Board a beautiful bronze tablet, erected by that Board in St. Luke's Church in loving memory of their dearly loved President, Mrs. Williamson, was unveiled by Bishop Sweatman, of Toronto.

Some of the other happenings of those interesting years include the addition of several new pledges and new workers. Miss Makeham, another English worker in Japan, succeeded Miss Shackleton at Matsumoto, whose ill-health prevented her return after furlough, and on the advice of the Bishop and other workers in Japan the medical work was changed to evangelistic work, and Miss Ethel Spencer succeeded Miss Jennie Smith. The salary of a Zenana Missionary was given and sent to the Church of England Zenana Society, and Miss Strickland was appointed by them as our Missionary at Tarn Taran, India.

Rules and Regulations for Missionary Candidates

were drawn up by a committee, approved of by the Board of M.S.C.C. and adopted for use.

Mrs. Randell Davidson, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, during their visit to Canada in 1904, accepted a Life Membership in our Dominion Board, presented by our President with the badge. Afterwards the beautiful certificate of Life Membership, suitably framed, was taken to her at Lambeth Palace by Mrs. Willoughby Cummings at the request of the Board.

The assistance of the W.A. throughout Canada was asked for by the Committee of the General Synod, then engaged in compiling our new Hymn Book, "The Book of Common Praise," and this being willingly accorded, proved to be most helpful to that Committee.

A Membership card for the Juniors was adopted and the enlargement and reconstruction of the Letter Leaflet was decided upon. A pretty blue cover was designed for us by the artist, Mr. Gordon Osborne, and the insertion of notes of Parochial work were discontinued so as to give more space for Missionary information.

At the time of the sixth Triennial meeting, which was held in Toronto, September 21 to 27, 1905, our Diocesan Boards had increased from the original six to nineteen with 933 Branches, 22,252 Senior

Members and 30 Life Members. The four standing committees were: Education, Mrs. Holden, Montreal, convener; Literature, Miss Cartwright, Toronto, convener; Indian Work, Mrs. Boomer, Huron, convener, and Work among Chinese in Canada, Mrs. Greene, Ottawa, convener. The United Thank-offering, which was divided among the North-West Dioceses, came to \$5,560.

A very pleasant episode during the meeting was the presentation of a Dominion Life Membership to Mrs. Bompas of the Diocese then called Selkirk, now Yukon, also the presentation of an address to Mrs. Tilton, signed by all the Diocesan Presidents asking her to reconsider her expressed determination to resign the Presidency. In speaking to this address Mrs. Bell Irvine, of Quebec, who presented it, pointed out that as all the Dioceses in Canada had not yet formed Diocesan Boards, the great chain from ocean to ocean, which had been Mrs. Tilton's ideal and hope when she first proposed our organization, was not yet completed, but doubtless it would be within the near future, and she begged her on behalf of all the Members to continue in office until that time, and to this earnest request Mrs. Tilton consented.

The heavy work of this meeting, of course, was the consideration of the provisional Constitution and By-laws, and with much discussion and a few minor changes these were adopted.

The following resolution was passed, which although still in force, is frequently ignored by some of the Dioceses, has to do with uniform titles so as to avoid confusion and misunderstanding. It reads: That the following titles be used, "The Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, Girls' Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Babies' (afterwards Little Helpers) Branches of the Woman's Auxiliary."

Another resolution provided for the reporting always, in a separate column, of work done for Diocesan Missions. This was felt to be but fair in the poorer Dioceses, where of necessity the Parochial Branches must work for their own Parishes.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### *Missionary Study.*

One of the noticeable evidences of growth at this time was the many reports of greatly increased interest in Missionary Study, while with these reports were expressions of a desire that this study be made more attractive for the older members whose ordinary days of study had passed. This had probably something to do with the decision to make the Literature Standing Committee a regular department of work, and its Convenor an officer of the Board, which decision was carried out during the Seventh Triennial Meeting in 1908.

The Board at its intervening Annual and Executive Committee Meetings had considered and taken action upon several important matters such as urging upon the Diocesan Boards the importance of organizing Missionary training Clubs for older boys, also the opening of the Board Meetings to all members, votes being restricted to the Officers, Conveners of Standing Committees, Delegates and Life Members. Very early in the history of the Toronto Board the importance of holding open Monthly Board Meetings that would be a help and stimulus to all the Parochial Branches in the Dio-



cese had been felt, so the plan of having "City Representatives" for all out-of-town Branches was adopted. It was the duty and responsibility of each "Representative" to write to her Branch fully of the Board Meeting as soon as possible afterwards. When any matter of importance was to be voted upon she was expected to put both sides of the question fully and fairly before them, and then she must vote as she was directed. This plan proved to be beneficial not only to the out-of-town Branches, who are thus kept in touch with all that is going on, but it also made the Meetings much more inspiring from the fact of the large attendance. The plan is in vogue in many of the other Dioceses as well.

Other matters decided were that the subscription price of the Letter Leaflet be increased to 20 cents; the incorporation of the W.A., which was completed in 1908; arrangements that every Parochial Branch hold a service on April 17, 1907, to celebrate the "coming of age" of the W.A., the offering at which were afterwards sent to the great Pan-Anglican Thankoffering in England.

Arrangements were made also for the Dorcas Secretary to visit as many of the Missions, Schools and Hospitals in the Northwest and British Columbia as possible, a trip which was most effectively carried out by Miss Halson, and which did a very great deal of good. As she also visited the Diocesan Boards

and many Parochial Branches en route, she was able to give the Members a great deal of most helpful information concerning the W.A. and its work, while the definite information she brought back of needs and conditions was of great assistance to her fellow-workers and others after her return home.

The resignation of the President, Mrs. Tilton, after over 22 years of service, was the outstanding feature of the Seventh Triennial Meeting, held in Ottawa, September, 1908. At this time there were 23 Diocesan Boards, 1,300 Senior Branches with 32,057 Members and 55 Life Members, we were responsible for 19 General Pledges, 33 Missionaries were supported and 7 children of Missionaries were being educated.

During the session Mrs. Walker of St. John, N.B., one of the Provincial Vice-Presidents, read an address to Mrs. Tilton, which expressed the love and esteem held for her by the whole Auxiliary from coast to coast and the heartfelt regret of all the Members that she had felt it necessary to retire from office. The address also stated that "a fund had been raised to be called the Roberta E. Tilton Fund," the annual interest of which Mrs. Tilton was asked to designate to any Missionary object.

Very earnestly thanking the members for this gift Mrs. Tilton afterwards said, "Whereas the necessity for making provision for our women Mis-

sionaries in cases of sickness or infirmity in their old age, has been forcibly brought before this Triennial Meeting, I should wish that the annual interest derived from the Roberta E. Tilton Fund be used for this purpose."

When the election of Mrs. Patterson Hall as President was announced Mrs. Tilton, in welcoming her presented her with seven beautiful white roses to symbolize the seven Triennial periods of the life of the W.A. The other changes in the list of officers were: Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bigwood, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Bogert, Ottawa; Secretary Literature Department, Miss Cartwright, Toronto. The four Vice-Presidents were Mrs. Walker, Maritime Provinces; Mrs. John Hamilton, Quebec and Ontario, Mrs. Newnham, Manitoba and North-West, and Mrs. Perrin, British Columbia. The Convener of the Indian Committee was Mrs. Robinson of Strathroy.

The United Thankoffering, \$8,678.54, in accordance with the resolution of the last Triennial Meeting, was devoted to the maintenance and training of Missionaries.

An outstanding resolution was that protesting against the opium traffic in China, which was sent by the W.A. to the British Government through the Federal Parliament of Canada, and was afterwards



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presented to the British Parliament by Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P.

It was also decided to ask all the other Women's Missionary Societies in Canada to join in an appeal that the Bible be taught in the schools.

It had been the great pleasure and privilege of a number of the members to have attended the great Pan-Anglican Congress in London during that summer, and the accounts they gave of it at some of the sessions were listened to with the deepest interest.

The following resolution concerning our Missionaries on furlough is well worth repeating in full as showing our loving care for their welfare:

"No Missionary of the General Board shall do more than three months' deputation work while on furlough, the three months to be divided into two periods **when possible**, and that 'deputation work' shall in no case mean more than four addresses a week. Also that as far as possible Parochial Branches arrange for a Deanery or Combined Parochial Meetings."

## CHAPTER IX.

### *More Forward Steps.*

Nineteen hundred and nine will also be remembered as the year in which our first Missionary trained by the United Thankoffering, Miss Eleanor Lenox, M.D., was sent to Matsumoto, Japan, and at the same time an emergency grant from the same fund paid the expenses of sending the first two women Missionaries—Miss Annie to be supported by Toronto—and Miss Maud Sedgewick, to Honan, that Canadian Diocese having been founded in 1908. Unfortunately Miss Annie Sedgewick withdrew almost immediately and was married to a Presbyterian Missionary in China.

In this year also a resolution went from the Annual Meeting to the Minister of Indian Affairs in Ottawa, petitioning for prohibition of the objectionable marriage customs among the Indians of Vancouver Island. In this petition the W. A. was joined by the Board of M.S.C.C., the other Women's Missionary Boards, the National Council of Women and the Council of Social Service. A satisfactory answer was received that the matter would be thoroughly investigated and if the charges were true the necessary action would be taken.

Still another event of note was the holding of the first Summer School at which the President, Mrs. Hall, represented the W.A.

Owing to illness the lately elected Recording Secretary, Mrs. Bigwood, was obliged to resign that office and Miss Ethel Raynes of Montreal was appointed in her place.

During the summer of 1910 the beautiful new Cathedral in Halifax was opened and at the same time a very successful Church Congress was held which was attended by a large number of W.A. members from many Dioceses. In speaking of this the President, in her Triennial Address, in 1911, said, "At a special Convocation, held at this time at King's College, Windsor, the honorary degree of D.C.L. was conferred on Mrs. Willoughby Cummings in recognition of her active interest in work for women and children."

This recalls to my mind the fact that the receiving of an Honorary Degree was not at the time an unalloyed pleasure. There had been a number of Degrees conferred at the Convocation of King's College that day, beginning with the Bishop of London and the Bishop of Glasgow, both of whom were present, followed by Bishop Brent and several other dignitaries, and then my turn came, and I knelt before the Chancellor while the Public Orator who presented us gave his speech in Latin. Between a

limited knowledge of that language and excessive nervousness I understood little of what he said, but the word "Suffragette" provoked a burst of laughter from the Bishops and others. Whether they were laughing at me or at some witticism of the Orator I did not know, but I certainly felt like thirty-five cents.

When I received a translation of his speech next day, however, I found that he had said in effect that his last duty was an extremely pleasant one—that of presenting a woman for an Honorary Degree. He then went on to describe something of the work and position of women, and added, "but truth compels me to state that there are others, the militant suffragettes, who smash windows and go on disagreeable hunger strikes. It is not such a one I now present to you for this honour, but rather" etc., etc., etc.

The Secretary of the M.S.C.C., Dr. Tucker, having resigned to become Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Canon Gould was brought back from the Mission Field in Palestine to take this office. His interest and sympathy with the W.A. was soon happily realized by the Members.

In 1909 another new pledge—that for Jewish work—had been undertaken, and it was decided to increase the Diocesan Assessment for the Expense Fund to two cents a member.



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But the outstanding events of this period undoubtedly was the establishment of our two Overseas Dioceses, Honan in China, and Mid-Japan, and the consecration of the two outstanding Missionaries of the Canadian Church, Rev. W. G. White, and the Rev. Heber Hamilton, to be their respective Bishops. Truly we must acknowledge the good hand of our God upon us and the guidance of His Holy Spirit. in all these momentous matters.

The form in use for Candidates for Missionary Service was revised in 1910, and at the Annual Meeting in St. John in that year the establishment of a Pension Fund was earnestly considered and ways and means to secure the same were discussed. A suggestion that some of the interest of the Roberta E. Tilton Fund be used for that purpose was vetoed as not being in accordance with the expressed wishes of the donor.

The enlargement of the scope and the work of the Society and its widely extended growth having made the revision of methods most desirable a strong committee was appointed with Miss Ambrose of Hamilton as Convener, to consider the whole matter and to report to the Triennial Meeting to be held in Winnipeg in the following year.

## CHAPTER X.

### *Our Aim And Method.*

And here should be placed on record the debt of gratitude that is due from the W.A. to the Rev. Canon Gould. I have had to speak of the misunderstanding that caused the very unfortunate friction that existed from time to time between the W.A. and the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. The opinion voiced by a distinguished member of that Board—"Yes, the W.A. does a lot of work but they are no real help as Auxiliary to us," was evidently held by many of the other members—if not all, and this because none of the W.A. money was sent to their Treasurer undesignated. There was no realization that the great increase in knowledge of and interest in the cause of Missions that was very noticeable and which certainly increased the Missionary giving, was essentially due to the work of the W.A.

Canon Gould, soon after he took office, felt that this unfortunate misunderstanding and its consequences was one of the biggest problems to be faced.

The Committee on Revision of Methods held one or more conferences with him and he also addressed the Triennial Meeting in Winnipeg on the same sub-

ject, and on behalf of the Board of Management of the M.S.C.C. he invited the W.A. to elect delegates to attend the meetings of that Board, and urged that the W.A. keep fully posted in the affairs of M.S.C.C. One realized that a change for the better in conditions was in sight.

The adoption of the following "Aim and Plan" was one of the most important resolutions of the meeting, and to this is due the present admirable working together of the W.A. and the Board of Management M.S.C.C., as the result of the Conferences aforesaid.

### *The Aim and Plan.*

Aim.—Adopted by the Woman's Auxiliary, Triennial Meeting, 1911:

The Aim is—For Canada: To consider impartially the field as a whole; to place our help where most needed, viewed from this standpoint to grade it according to relative needs; and to reconsider it year by year. For the Foreign Field: To undertake all the work among women and children in the Canadian fields and the support of all women workers, thus working hand in hand with M.S.C.C. and relieving them of this work.

The Plan.—Plan adopted by the Board of Management, M.S.C.C. and the General Board, W.A., for the putting into effect of the Aim for the Foreign

Field adopted by the W.A. by resolution of the Triennial meeting.

It is agreed:

1. That the W.A. be, and hereby is, recognized as being responsible for the "work among women and children" in the Foreign Fields of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in the Dominion of Canada.

II. That the term "Work among women and children" be understood as including:

1. The support of all women Missionaries exclusive of the wives of Missionaries and the support of all female native agents, whether engaged in evangelistic, educational, or medical work.

2. The itineration expenses of all such women Missionaries, and of all female native agents, in the field.

3. The support of children in orphanages.

N.B.—"The W.A. may accept designated funds for the support of or education of boys up to ten years of age, such funds should be included in the estimates under, 'Work among women and children'."

4. The provision of furniture and equipment for:

(a ) All Day Schools for girls.



- (b) All Boarding Schools, or places of higher education for girls.
- (c) All institutions for the training or housing of of female native agents.
- (d) Women's and children's wards in Hospitals.
- (e) Kindergartens for both sexes.

5. The provision, for all schools or institutions mentioned under 4 (b) and (c), of all household expenses, including servants.

6. "The foregoing subsections, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, shall not exclude the acceptance by the W.A. of special appeals for such other objects (including the building of Churches), for work among women and children as may be approved by the Consultative Committee."

III. That a "Consultative Committee" be constituted, consisting of a number not exceeding eight of the General Officers of the W.A., and an equal number of the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C. This Committee shall consider questions and estimates connected with "the work among women and children" and shall make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C. and to the Executive Committee of the W.A. This Committee may also consider and make recommendations concerning such other questions as may be referred to it by the Executive Committee of the W.A.

or of the M.S.C.C. The chairman of the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C. shall be chairman of the Consultative Committee. The quorum of the Consultative Committee shall consist of not less than two from the M.S.C.C. and two from the W.A.

IV. That the authorities of each Missionary Diocese or District, shall clearly specify in the annual estimate forms, the amount required for the "work among women and children"; and that the estimates thus prepared, for each Diocese or District shall be sent to the Organizing Secretary of the M.S.C.C., who shall, after approval of the same by the Consultative Committee (Clause III.) prepare an itemized statement showing the total amount required for the "work among women and children," and forward the same to the Corresponding Secretary of the W.A., and submit a copy to the Executive Committee of M.S.C.C.

V. That designated funds for the "work among women and children," including stipends of women Missionaries, contributed to the M.S.C.C., shall be forwarded to the Field through the General Treasurer of the W.A.

VI. That the W.A. shall assume for the year 1913 the provision of a proportion to be agreed upon between the Executive Committee of the M.S.C.C. and of the W.A. of the total estimate for the "work

among women and children” as prepared by the Organizing Secretary of the M.S.C.C. under Clause IV.

VII. That the M.S.C.C. shall pay if necessary through the General Treasurer of the W.A., as a “grant in aid, to the work among women and children,” a sum equivalent to the difference between the total of the amount available under clauses V. and VI. and the gross amount mentioned in the total estimate for the “work among women and children.” (Clause IV.)

VIII. That the W.A. shall make every effort to increase annually, the sum contributed under Clause VI. until the same shall equal the gross amount (less designated funds, Clause V.) mentioned in the total estimate for “work among women and children” (Clause IV.) and that the “grant in aid” received by the W.A. from the M.S.C.C., under the terms of Clause VII. shall then cease.

N.B.—It is understood that the last part of this Clause shall not prevent the principle of the grant-in-aid coming into force at any time when the development of the work among women and children may render it necessary.

IX. That the General Board of the W.A. shall not undertake new work, or any extension of existing work, “among women and children,” except under the terms of this agreement.

X. That the Corresponding Secretary of the W.A. in consultation with the Organizing Secretary of the M.S.C.C. shall arrange all deputation engagements for women Missionaries.

XI. That in all official lists of Foreign Missionaries, no distinguishing mark, such as W.A., shall be placed against any of the names; and that all such lists shall be followed by the note "The Woman's Auxiliary to the M.S.C.C. is responsible for all work among women and children in the Foreign Mission Fields of the Church of England in Canada."

N.B.—By a further agreement, all questions concerning the training and acceptance of candidates are placed under the authority of one committee, known as the Candidates' Committee.

The consideration of the matter of the Pension Fund took up a good deal of time and it was finally decided that this fund should be begun by taking from the United Thankoffering of 1914 the sum of \$6,000, and that until that time in order to finance it temporarily any surplus for the advertisements in the Letter Leaflet be used for that purpose.

Another important change made at that meeting was brought about from resolutions advocating the doing away with Triennial Meetings, and making all Annual Meetings of equal standing because of

rapidly changing conditions that sometimes made the necessity of waiting for three years before problems could be dealt with almost impossible. It was decided, therefore, to give full power to the Annual Meetings to legislate on everything but the election of officers and changes in the Constitution.

At the close of this first meeting in 1911 of the Board held west of the Great Lakes the President, Mrs. Patterson Hall, and the Treasurer, Miss Carter, visited all the other Western Dioceses and addressed many meetings, both Diocesan and Parochial, en route.

This Triennial Meeting having brought to a close the 25th year of the Society's existence, it was interesting to learn from the Treasurer that the money contributed from all sources, including, of course, the Dorcas work, had come to \$1,095,000.00. The number of Diocesan Boards was then 23, with 1,653 Senior Branches consisting of 28,883 Members, and including the Juniors and Little Helpers the total membership was 41,647. There were 91 Dominion Life Members, 24 Pledges, and the circulation of the Letter Leaflet was 15,457.

The addition to the list of officers of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Letter Leaflet was made at this meeting.

The only other changes in the list were, Vice-



Presidents, Mrs. G. F. Smith, for the Maritime Provinces; Mrs. Fortin for Rupert's Land and North-West; Mrs. De Pencier for British Columbia, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature Department, Mrs. Plumptre.

Two other important resolutions were passed, the first that the Dioceses be urged to send in their pledge money merely designated for the General Pledge Fund and not allocated to any of the separate Pledges. The second provided for the payment by the Board of the travelling expenses of the Conveners of the Standing Committees to Annual and Triennial Meetings.

## CHAPTER XI.

### *The Year Book.*

In 1912 there passed from earthly service to her heavenly rest, Miss Julia Tilley, our first Secretary for Junior Branches, who had also been a member of the Executive Committee of the Toronto Diocesan Board for twenty years, in eight of which she had been the much valued Diocesan President. Her deep earnestness, her gentle manner, together with her marked ability made her not only an unusual favourite but also of great helpfulness to the Auxiliary, both Dominion and Diocesan.

One of the outstanding features of 1912 was the publication for the first time of a Year Book by the General Board. The fact that no record was printed of the interesting Annual Meetings of the Board, between the Triennial Meetings, except for the informal account given of each in the Letter Leaflet, was a serious drawback, for the Minutes kept of these years were not generally available, but if they had been were not sufficiently full to give the details of the information that might be desired.

This Year Book, while a step in the right direction, failed also in the way of giving rather the

“Story of the Meeting” and of the reports presented, and not these reports in full.

At this Annual Meeting held in Quebec the report of the Committee on Revision of Methods designated “The Aim or Plan” of the W.A. was again fully discussed and the Executive Committee was instructed to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Board of Management, M.S.C.C., and to take any further steps that might be necessary to put this “plan,” which concerned the future co-working of these two Boards, into effect by January, 1913. (See page 77.)

An addition to the Members’ Prayer that fit persons be led to offer for service, the acceptance of the offer of Miss Cooke as an Honorary Missionary in Mid-Japan, and the acceptance of additional general pledges were also features of the meeting.

The distinction between “Missionaries” and “Workers” or “Helpers” in the Northwest Mission Fields was carefully considered and defined: “Missionaries” being those sent out by the Board trained or specially equipped for the work—Workers”, those sent out as “workers” or else appointed as such by the Bishop or Missionary in charge, to whom a yearly workers’ salary was paid by the Board. The Board was not to be responsible for the travelling expenses, maintenance, or any incidental expenses

of "Workers," nor would they be beneficiaries of the Pension Fund. If duly qualified "Workers" might become "Missionaries" after two years of service, on the recommendation of the Bishop under whom they served.

Another definition of terms was made, the need of which had been felt. That was the difference between "Pledges" and "Appeals." By the former is to be understood continuous annual support by the W.A. of objects accepted at the request of the respective Bishops, while "Appeals" are for "immediate needs that are not continuous."

Diocesan Boards were urged to form Candidates' Committees to search out and keep in touch with possible applicants for Mission Service.

One of the encouragements heard at this meeting was the surprising fact that the Home Secretary of the Japanese Government had, in 1910, called together representatives of Buddhism and Shintoism to confer concerning the moral and social betterment of the people, and for the first time had also included representatives of Christianity in the invitations to this conference. The inevitable effect of this official recognition of Christianity had been the stopping of the secret opposition offered to Christianity by the Government school officials and of bringing Christianity to the notice of the village

people who had hitherto regarded it as mere "foreign talk."

Another important step in advance was the establishment of a depot for the sale and distribution of literature at the M.S.C.C. headquarters in Toronto, space being given for that purpose by the Board of Management M.C.S.S., the W.A. paying \$200 towards the salary of the worker who would be in charge of it.

The invitation of the Board of Management M.S.C.C. which Canon Gould had given at the previous meeting was accepted, and the eight officers (afterwards nine) were appointed to represent the W.A. on the Board of Management.

The importance of interesting in Missionary work the boys of the Church was again stressed.

Of great and lasting importance was the clause in the "Aim and Plan" concerning the appointment of a Joint Candidates' Committee, consisting of Members of the Board of Management M.S.C.C. of the former Canadian Church Missionary Society and of the W.A., so that all matters concerning the rules and regulations for candidates and the sending out of all Missionaries, men and women, should be under the supervision and control of the Committee. This was mutually agreed to and came into effect in 1913.

Some of the other matters agreed to at this An-



nual Meeting were the appointment of a Finance Committee with the Treasurer as Convener, and that the Grant-in-Aid for the Board of M.S.C.C. (sec. VII of the "Aim") for the year be \$4,000.

Miss Strickland had been invited by the Board to undertake work in our field in Kangra, but as this would have involved the learning of another and more difficult language, she expressed her wish to remain in Tarn Taran.

It is well to give in full the resolution adopted concerning the Estimates (now called the Budget); "The Bishops of the Canadian and Overseas Dioceses are asked each year to send in at one and the same date a list of the total amounts they desire the W.A. to contribute during the coming year for salaries and work in their respective Dioceses. These are carefully gone over first by the Consultative Committee and then by the W.A. Executive Committee, and as revised are submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Dominion Board for acceptance or otherwise. No fresh appeals will therefore be accepted during the coming year unless an emergency exists."

## CHAPTER XII.

### *The Time of the War.*

We had been hoping and planning to hold our Ninth Triennial Meeting in 1914 in Vancouver, and all our arrangements were completed for this when suddenly came the Great War, and with it everything was of necessity changed, and instead of a great gathering of the General Synod and of W.A. women meeting out on the Pacific Coast, some twenty members of the Executive Committee, together with some of the Montreal Diocesan officers, assembled in Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, where our United Thankoffering of \$20,619.51 was presented by His Lordship, Bishop Farthing.

Because of this sudden change in conditions and because the attendance at a Triennial Meeting must of necessity be very limited, the President had taken a vote of the Diocesan Boards in writing, with the result that a meeting of the Executive Committee was authorized by the Diocesan Boards to carry on all needful business, and the officers being willing to continue their work, no election was held and no changes in the Constitution were made.

The report of a formation of a Diocesan Board

up near the Arctic Circle in Mackenzie River was heard with much pleasure and thankfulness.

The Grant-in-Aid from the Board of Management M.S.C.C. was reduced to \$3,000.

The death of two of our overseas Missionaries who had gone from Huron, Mrs. Jones of Honan, and Miss Marjory Nash, also of Honan, was sincerely regretted, as was the necessary resignation of Miss Ethel Spencer, Japan, and Miss Sedgewick of Honan, owing to ill-health.

The revised Rules and Regulations for Candidates and Missionaries on furlough as further revised on recommendation of the Consultative Committee, were adopted, so that from that time there has been one set of rules that are applicable to all the Missionaries of the Canadian Church, men and women. The new Diocesan Board of Edmonton was cordially welcomed.

The membership was reported as follows: Diocesan Boards 24, 1,518 Senior Branches and 34,337 Members, which of course, included 275 Girls' Branches with 5,300 Members, 1,970 Junior Branches with 53,812 Members, and 135 general Life Members.

The report of the Literature Secretary showed a great increase in the interest taken in Missionary reading and study, and the record that every Dio-

cesan Board but two now had a Missionary Lending Library is surely a very encouraging statement.

The increase in size of the Letter Leaflet, and the fact that the total estimates for the coming year were published in the December issue, so that every Member might see every detail of the required expenditure and so can help to make provision for the same, is a noteworthy change. As only a summary of the officers reports were printed in the Year Book, space had been given in the December issue to print them in full, a matter that had proved to be very helpful not only to Members of the W.A., but to the Officers and Conveners themselves as they frequently wanted to refer to these reports.

One of the great needs that came before us both at meetings of the Consultative Committee, at the Executive Committee meetings, and now at the 1915 Annual Meeting, held in Toronto, was that of a proper residence for our Missionaries in Honan. This was strongly advocated by the Huron Diocesan Board in particular, and the Board of Management M.S.C.C. offered to give the \$1,000 of the Grant-in-Aid which our Board had relinquished towards this same object. Afterwards it was decided to move St. Paul's Hospital from Kaifeng to Kweiteh, to put up a new building for the latter and to use the former St. Paul's Hospital at Kaifeng as a residence for the women Missionaries.

An invitation from the Diocesan Board of Vermont, U.S.A., that one of the Dominion officials be sent to attend their coming special meetings and speak of the W.A. of Canada was received, and by resolution of the Board Mrs. Willoughby Cummings was appointed to go as the representative. Of those visits Mrs. Cummings afterwards spoke in most enthusiastic terms, especially of the many kindnesses received, while the Vermont Branch wrote of the great interest that had been felt and the many helpful suggestions that they had gained from the account of the work and methods of their Canadian fellow-workers.

One of the surprises of that visit to our sisters in the United States was to find that each and all invariably spoke of their society as "The Woman's Auxiliary," always giving the name in full, while here in Canada its Members and everyone else quite as invariably say "W.A.", using the letters of our title only. I wonder why, and which way, think you, is the best?

It was decided upon the request of the Rupert's Land Diocesan Board that Miss McIntosh be "Our Own Missionary in Honan."

With grateful hearts it was recognized that although to many of our members this first year of the terrible war had brought the sadness of separation, and to all had come the great strain of untiring



efforts to help the great cause, yet our W.A. work had in no way suffered. Our pledges were fully met, our Dorcas work had increased rather than diminished. The circulation of the Letter Leaflet had largely increased. More candidates had offered and more had been accepted, and more definite meetings for prayer were arranged and were well attended.

## CHAPTER XIII.

### *Prayer Partnership Adopted.*

Two changes in the list of the General Officers are noted as having taken place at the Annual Meeting held in Hamilton in 1916, for Miss Ethel Raynes was unable to continue her work as Recording Secretary and was succeeded by Miss Waud, of Montreal, and Mrs. Plumptre having resigned, was succeeded by Miss Minty, of Toronto, as Secretary of the Literature Department. Another change came as a result of the lamented death of Mrs. Fortin, of Rupert's Land, who was succeeded by Mrs. Matheson, of Battleford as a Vice-President of the General Board.

The fact that the Church Missionary Society, after several notifications to the Church in Canada, intended to withdraw its work among the Indians and Eskimo was the cause of much consideration among the officials in particular, as to how this most necessary work was to be continued.

Another joint committee of the Board of Management M.S.C.C. and the W.A., that of Education, was formed, consisting of members nominated by the Board of Management M.S.C.C., the W.A., the Sunday School Commission and the A.Y.P.A.,

the Literature Secretary being ex-officio a member. One of the concerns of this committee was to be the annual choice of the study book.

When we met in Ottawa at the next Annual Meeting it was a very sincere pleasure to have with us our foundress, Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, and to hear her loving words of encouragement and hope at the opening session. This meeting should, of course, have been a Triennial Meeting, but after much consideration it had been decided to hold the Triennial meeting in Winnipeg in 1918, at which time the General Synod would also be in session there.

A resolution from the Huron Diocesan Board in 1917 was carried, which brought about the adoption of the plan of "Prayer Partnership", of which Miss Bancroft, of Montreal, was appointed General Superintendent. It was arranged that she was to keep a complete list of the Missionaries in the field and these names were to be divided between the several Diocesan Prayer Partner Secretaries, who in turn will connect each one with whoever had undertaken to be an Intercessor. It was especially hoped, however, that Intercessors would not expect the Missionaries to add to the strain of their heavy work by writing many letters.

At this meeting it was decided to give up the publication of the "Year Book" or "Story of the

Year," 3,000 copies of which had been distributed annually to the Diocesan Boards, and instead to publish, as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting, all the reports in full, together with an abstract of the Minutes of the meeting and the Estimates in a number of the Letter Leaflet, so as to place it in the hands of at least 20,000 subscribers.

The news of the death of Mrs. Bompas in 1917 was received with very sincere sympathy for her "dear Indians" in the Far North in particular, for whom she had worked so hard, endured so much loneliness and privation, and to many of whom she had been their guide to Christ and His Salvation. Her example is certainly a noble legacy to the Church.

The following decisions of the Board now made are of more than passing value:—That all candidates for the Canadian Field must have the same medical examination before training and sending out as is required of candidates for the Fields overseas; that all Diocesan Constitutions must be in harmony with the spirit and fundamental principles of that of the General Board, although probably differing in non-essential points in order to suit local conditions; that all estimates must be considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee, to be held immediately prior to that of the Fall Executive Committee meeting, and shall be presented with the re-

commendations of the said Finance Committee to the Executive Committee at that time.

Mrs. John Hamilton having resigned as Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec, Mrs. Holden, of Montreal, was elected in her place.

Our official organ showed the result of war conditions in 1917, 1918 and 1919, only the very poorest "newsprint" paper being available for use, and this at a large increase in price, and for the same reason our pretty blue cover had to be discontinued. It speaks well for the interest of our members, therefore, that although for these reasons reading the Letter Leaflet was not easy or attractive, still our number of subscribers steadily increased during each of these years.



## CHAPTER XIV.

### *New Undertakings.*

Our ninth Triennial Meeting, held in Winnipeg in 1918, found us assembled without our President, Mrs. Patterson Hall, whom war conditions kept at home, but the chair was taken most efficiently, although quite unexpectedly, by Mrs. Matheson, Vice-President for Rupert's Land and the North-West.

At this time we were responsible for the support of 29 Missionaries and 2 Bible Women in the Fields Overseas, and for 21 Missionaries in the Canadian Field, where we also paid salary grants for 30 other workers. Diocesan Boards also supported 44 native Bible Women, a Catechist, and a native helper and 222 children overseas, as well as 15 children in the Indian schools in Canada. Our senior membership then was 36,475 in 1,666 Branches, of which 6,899 were girls in 345 Branches. The junior membership was 23,719. There were 174 Dominion Life Members, and the annual United Thankoffering was \$11,341.00.

The intended withdrawal of the English Church Missionary Society of its support of the Indian and Eskimo work in Canada in 1920, made it necessary for the Church in Canada to raise a Gen-

eral Endowment Fund of \$250,000 with which to supplement the money withdrawn, so our General Board unanimously decided to become responsible for \$25,000 of that amount and to raise it by the following June. That this was done and that the contribution we gave to the fund was \$31,199, or \$6,199 more than we had promised, is another reason for thankfulness.

During the four days that the Executive Committee were in session in Winnipeg prior to this Triennial Meeting, a series of most valuable and helpful conferences on different phases of work at the Home Base were held daily by the delegates and Life Members, each conference choosing its presiding officer and secretary. Subjects concerning the work and methods of Diocesan Boards and Parochial Branches were fully discussed and a series of resolutions or recommendations were passed as a result, which were afterwards presented to the Board for endorsement or consideration. These Conferences were much enjoyed and should be repeated if possible.

The much-desired change of title from "General" Board to "Dominion" Board took place at this meeting.

The only changes in the list of officers made at this time was that of Treasurer, when Mrs. D. B. Donaldson (Toronto) was elected to succeed Miss

Edith Carter (Quebec), who had refused to accept nomination again, having served 17 years in that office. A new office and officer was that of Girls' and Candidates' Secretary, to which Miss Metcalf, of Grimsby (afterwards Mrs. Cosgrave) was elected.

Another step forward was that of the establishment of a Travelling Expense Fund, by which the travelling expenses of the officers and a percentage of the same expenses of the Diocesan Presidents to all Executive Meetings would be paid by means of an increase of the affiliation fees of the Senior Members at the rate of from 2 cents to 5 cents each and 1 cent per Junior Member, this to be paid by the Diocesan Boards, and not by the individual Members.

During 1918-19 the members of the W.A., like their fellow-workers of M.S.C.C and in all the Missionary Societies, did a great deal of active work in connection with the great "Forward Movement" that was held simultaneously by the Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists throughout Canada, the chief object of which was the deepening of the consecration of lives to Christ. The results of the wide distribution of Forward Movement literature, of the great Mass Meetings held in the cities, and above all of the thousands who took part as special Interceders, will never be known

on this side of eternity. Mrs. Willoughby Cummings was appointed Organizing Secretary of the Women's Department, Anglican Forward Movement.

A great debt of gratitude is due to Mrs. H. D. Warren, of Toronto, who gave her spacious rooms to the committee for the mailing of all the many tons of literature sent throughout Canada.

Committees of women were also formed in almost every Parish in the Dominion, and to their untiring efforts in the regular distribution of this inspiring and informing Forward Movement literature much of the phenomenal success of the movement should be ascribed. The second outstanding object was that of securing for the Church and its organizations the material equipment which is so absolutely needed for its undertakings. The result of this to the W.A. was the receipt of \$150,000, of which amount \$106,000 was invested and the rest was devoted to immediate Missionary needs.

The resignation of Miss Bogert as Corresponding Secretary and of Mrs. Holden as Provincial Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec was received at the Annual Meeting in Hamilton in 1919, and the election for these offices resulted in Miss Bogert being chosen Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec, and Miss Slater, of Hamilton, being elected Corresponding Secretary.

In this year also we adopted the plan of paying the same salary to our Missionaries when on furlough as is paid them in the Field, the fact that their personal expenses are frequently heavier while on furlough, making this most advisable. Another important decision was the fixing of the Junior Matriculation Examination of the Province of Ontario as the Missionary Educational standard required for candidates for Overseas Mission Work.



## CHAPTER XV.

### *The John West Celebration.*

The next year, 1920, found us again in Winnipeg at the Annual Meeting. Not only were we grateful for the kindness of Rupert's Land in inviting us so soon again, but especially were we grateful as we were thus able to take part in the great and most enjoyable celebration of the Centenary of the arrival of that outstanding Missionary, Rev. John West. The day spent in the pilgrimage along the Red River to the seven Churches he had founded will never be forgotten by those who shared in it.

An outstanding feature of this Celebration was the Pageant, "The Time of John West," which was given before crowded audiences on several evenings, and in this connection an amusing incident is related. From his pictures John West was evidently a man of marked features, and a great deal of difficulty was being experienced in finding a man to represent him who at all resembled him in appearance, although the search had been long and diligent. One Sunday evening, in Church, shortly before the Celebration was to take place, one of the W.A. Diocesan Officers noticed that the man sitting beside her was the very man for whom they

had been seeking, so immediately the Service ended she grabbed him by the arm and said, "Will you be John West?" The man looked at her as if he thought she was quite mad, for he evidently knew nothing of the matter and probably had never heard of John West. However, after the necessary explanations and many persuasions, he consented to take the part, and certainly the impersonation was wonderful.

1920 will be remembered as the beginning of holding a "Women's Day of Prayer," which service is always shared in by the Women's Missionary Societies in Canada and the United States and in the several Mission Fields throughout the world on the first Friday in Lent. A meeting of representatives of the several National Boards of the Women's respective Missionary Societies was held in Toronto, at which Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Willoughby Cummings represented the W.A. A suggested programme was arranged, which was afterwards sent out to all the Branches of all these societies, and was also published in their several magazines, and they were asked to co-operate in holding these joint meetings for prayer.

This Committee, now called "The Inter-Board Committee", has continued the work ever since, and how much we all owe to this annual day of united prayer we can never realize.

In this year also our Letter Leaflet fell in hard

straits—the very poor paper that had to be used at great price and the constantly soaring cost of printing, together with a printers' strike, made it seem possible that its publication must cease, and our carefully hoarded "Working Balance", for which the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. McWhinney, had worked so hard, was almost exhausted. A statement of affairs in the pages and a suggestion that publication be discontinued brought many protests from almost all the Dioceses. "It is unthinkable" was the verdict expressed by scores. The only other alternative—that of increasing the subscription price to 50 cents a year—was therefore adopted by the Board, and it was certainly encouraging to the Editor and the Secretary-Treasurer that the prophesied "slump" in the subscriptions in consequence did not occur.

Another change about this time was the enlargement of the scope of our Joint Candidates Committee, so as to include work for not only the candidates but also for the Missionaries on Furlough, the name now being "The Candidates' and Furloughs' Committee." Previous to this all that concerned the training and appointment of those for the Canadian Field had been exclusively the work of the W.A. Candidates Committee, but this was now added to that done by the Joint Committee.

It had been a vexed and much discussed ques-

tion for some time whether Social Service work should be included in that of the Dominion Board and a strong committee, with Miss Cartwright as Convener, was appointed to bring in a full report on this question at the next Triennial Meeting.

The need of the enlargement of the Girls' Work was also much stressed, and the appointment of a Dominion Girls' Secretary, who would be able to visit the several Dioceses and try to secure more offers for Missionary service was much urged.

A wise decision in the matter of the education of Missionaries' children was made when, upon the retirement of Mrs. Elliott as Secretary, this was placed in the hands of the four Provincial Vice-Presidents, and the money required for it was made a Dominion Pledge.

A valuable and strenuous piece of work was done for us in 1925 by the Secretary of the Literature Department, Miss Minty, when she compiled the "Handbook", which contained, besides a brief outline of the standing and methods of the W.A., a summary of the several departments both Diocesan and Parochial and "Historical Notes", with also the list of the Diocesan Boards and the approximate date of their organization. This little Handbook is most valuable and a copy for reference should certainly be in every Branch. An expression of our sincere gratitude was given to Miss Minty for this most efficient service.

## CHAPTER XVI.

### *Further Enlargement of Our Work.*

We met in Montreal for the Tenth Triennial Meeting in 1921, and here another landmark was reached which will always be held in remembrance, for here it was that in addition to our "Aim and Plan" as adopted in Winnipeg in 1918, we undertook the responsibility for all work for women and children in Canada of an Inter-Diocesan character under the Board of Management M.S.C.C. As the M.S.C.C. had taken over from the several Dioceses, except Qu'Appelle, the responsibility for their Indian schools, this at first seemed almost an appalling undertaking for the W.A. from the standpoint of Dorcas work, but as the Board of Management M.S.C.C. agreed to be responsible for the clothing of all boys over 12 years of age our job was considerably lightened.

Miss Cartwright's most valuable report on Social Service work, which was published in full in the Report number of the Letter Leaflet for December, 1921, should be carefully read, even now, for although the finding of the committee was not sustained, the question, so far as the W.A. is concerned, is not yet really solved. Five Diocesan Boards in-



clude Social Service work in their undertakings and others are beginning to do so also.

The decision of the majority of the meeting was against the adoption of Social Service work by the Dominion Board, but its incorporation by those Diocesan Boards, who desired it with their undertakings, if sanctioned by their Bishops, was agreed to. When one realizes that Social Service work is carried on of necessity in all our Mission Fields, and that indeed the Dorcas work we have always done is really Social Service work, one feels that the vote of that meeting must certainly be reconsidered some day.

Another important report, that on "Methods", given at the same meeting and also printed in full in the same Report number, should also be read.

Our Board was enlarged by the addition by invitation of the President of the Girls' Friendly Society and the President of the Daughters of the King—the only two other Societies of Churchwomen in Canada organized on Dominion lines.

The addition of two Girls' Pages in our Magazine: the separation of the Candidates' and Girls' Department and the election of a Secretary for the Girls' Department (Mrs. Willis James, of Calgary); the change of name of the Babies' Branch to Little Helpers; the appropriation for the future of one-

third of the annual United Thankoffering towards the Pension Fund; a Study Scheme for the Girls; the decision of Miss Gaviller to decline re-nomination as Junior Secretary after long years of service and the election of Mrs. Andress, of Sudbury, to succeed her; the election of Mrs. Leather as Vice-President for Ontario and Quebec, to succeed Miss Borgert, were features of this meeting.

Canon Gould put before us most clearly and interestingly the many details concerning the new status of the Indian schools and our future relation, as well as that of the Board of Management M.S.C. C. to them, and he gave an outline of the rules and regulations relating to the same. He also told us of the establishment of the Indian Commission, with headquarters in Winnipeg, to be in charge of these schools, and the appointment of Dr. Westgate, formerly one of our Missionaries in Africa, to be the Secretary. The Dorcas Secretary and the Treasurer to be ex-officio corresponding members of the Commission. That these changes have proved to be of great benefit, not only to the schools, but also to the co-ordinating and carrying on of our work in undoubted.

Our meeting in Montreal was shadowed by the sudden death of one of our Life Members, Mrs. Burpee (Toronto), who, going there to attend these meetings, was taken ill and died in a Hospital there

while they were in progress. The death also followed immediately at their close of Miss Charlotte MacCaulay, of Kingston, who had only lately resigned the Presidency of the Ontario Diocesan Board after many years of service. Another of our outstanding workers who had been called to Higher Service within that year was Mrs. Boomer, of London, to whose inspiration and enthusiasm the starting of the work of the Education of the Children of Missionaries was due. As an active worker also in her own Diocese she was greatly missed. The death of the first Treasurer, Mrs. Bell Irvine (Quebec), who held office from 1889 to 1901, also took place in 1921.

## CHAPTER XVII.

### *The Living Message.*

When we met in Toronto for the Annual Meeting of 1922 an interesting account was given to us of the Triennial Meeting of the W.A. of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A., that had been held in Portland, Oregon, by our representative there, Mrs. de Pencier, Provincial Vice-President, B.C., and whose vivid descriptions of our work and methods was doubtless equally enjoyed by her hearers.

To those especially interested in the progress and development of our magazine the forward step taken at this meeting means great things for the future, for not only was our pretty cover printed in two colours adopted, but more important still, the long needed and desired change of name took place. When this had been agreed to—for practically everyone realized that our publication was certainly neither a "Letter" nor yet a "Leaflet"—the difficulty of a choice of names was great.

There were many suggestions made but not agreed to, and at last a committee was appointed whose report met with no better success. Finally, as

we were all being taken for a drive about the city that afternoon, and the time for leaving had come before a decision had been reached, it was proposed that the choice be left until we returned from the drive, and this was agreed to. Immediately after we resumed work, later in the afternoon, Mrs. David Williams (Huron) moved a new suggestion: "That the name be 'The Living Message'," and this was at once carried by a large vote. Do you not agree with me, that in this thought of "The Living Message" as the name, Mrs. Williams was guided by the Holy Spirit? Only those who are in close touch with the publication of the magazine can realize what the name means to the workers, and how often this simple touchstone, if applied to an article, "is it really a Living Message?" settles at once its insertion in the pages or otherwise.

The retirement of two of our devoted Missionary workers, Miss Young and Miss Naftel, was accepted most regretfully at this time. As a tribute to her work in the far north at Carcross Miss Naftel was made a Dominion Life Member by her fellow-workers in Yukon.

The desirability of having hostels in the isolated parts of the North West, far from schools, where the children of settlers could live under good home auspices while attending school, is another matter on which the decision arrived at can scarcely be considered to be final.



Some of the other Women's Missionary Societies have carried on these School Homes most successfully for some years, and to them the Church is indebted for, as we have none of our own, they have cared for very many Anglican pupils. Mrs. Matheson and her Committee reported strongly as to the need of such hostels and of the success of those already established, but the preliminary cost seemed to deter the members of the Board, and the matter was at least deferred.

At the Triennial Meeting in Montreal one of the suggestions made by the Committee on Methods had been that each of the officers of important Departments should have an assistant or "understudy" so to speak, someone who should be so familiar with every detail of the work that in the case of the illness or absence of the officer she could carry it on, and could also train a successor, if one became necessary. As some of the officers said they, personally, did not desire such help the Convener withdrew this suggestion, having, however, first secured permission to have such an assistant for her own work. She therefore appointed Miss Grace Evans of Toronto, and she here desires now to state what a wonderful lightening of responsibility it is to know that every detail connected with editing, proof-reading, making of the "dummy," and all the rest concerning the getting out a number of the magazine, is familiar to Miss Evans, who therefore can "carry

on" at any time. For her unvarying willingness and kindness to do so I also desire to express my thanks.

The very sudden and serious illness of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Slater, immediately at the close of this Triennial Meeting, was heard of with most sincere sympathy and anxiety. Providentially, Miss Amy Gaviller was not only willing but her general knowledge of the W.A. made it feasible for her to undertake this work most unexpectedly, although indeed Miss Slater was too ill to be consulted at any time. Not only so, but she carried it on as long as there was any need so to do. The sincere gratitude of the W.A. was due to Miss Gaviller for the year or more of hard work which thus came to her so unexpectedly. For Miss Slater's complete recovery and her ability and willingness to re-assume her office we were all thankful.

The Treasurer was very glad to be able to announce in 1922 that the General Pledge Fund had at last become large enough to meet the Maintenance Grants, every Diocesan Board having given its apportionment. She was also able to say that all Diocesan Boards now shared in the Education Pledge.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### *A Gift from Mid-Japan.*

A charming episode during the Annual meeting of 1923 in Halifax was the receipt of a letter from Hirose San, President of the W.A. in Mid-Japan, in which she enclosed \$50, a gift from the members of their Board for use among the Eskimo. Surely this is a story that should be told in all our Branches.

Another great kindness that is repeated annually, which should be recorded, is that of Mr. Love, the proprietor of that delightful summer resort in Muskoka, the Elgin House, on Lake Joseph, who most generously entertains there any of the Missionaries of the several Missionary Societies who are home on furlough, for two weeks each year, totally free of charge.

The many pages of space taken up in the Magazine by the printing of the names and addresses of the Diocesan Officers, which information is, after all, only required by a limited number of subscribers, had often called for much discussion, and at this meeting the Editor proposed that these lists be printed as a separate leaflet each quarter, every Diocese to be given as many copies for distribution as they desired.

Changes occurring in the intervening months to be noted in the Editorial page of the Magazine. This was agreed to and is the plan now in vogue.

The adoption of "Rules of Order" that were framed on those of Bourinot was agreed to at this time, and the advisability of their use as well by Diocesan and Parochial Meetings also is strongly urged. Were they strictly enforced it would frequently mean a great saving of time, and better conducting of business.

Unfortunately, Miss Minty, who had been such an efficient Secretary of the Literary Department, was obliged to resign her office because of pressure of other work, and Mrs. Cecil Clatworthy, who had been Secretary-Treasurer of the Living Message, was elected to succeed her, Mrs. N. B. Jackes succeeding Mrs. Clatworthy.

## CHAPTER XIX.

### *The School of Missions.*

An outstanding event this year was the establishment of the Canadian School of Missions by the Mission Boards, both men and women, of the Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian, Congregational and Baptist Churches, each giving a yearly grant to its support in proportion to the number of Candidates and Missionaries on furlough on their lists. The need of such a school and the fact that the necessary training required, other than theological (which is to be given by the respective Theological Colleges), is similar for all the societies, had been realized and it was also evident that the heavy expense entailed, if borne proportionately by each, would make the establishment of such a School quite feasible. The appointment of Dr. Lovell Murray as the Director has meant everything to the marked success of the School, for not only has he the gift of winning the esteem of all the pupils, and has a keen insight into their several requirements, but he also possesses in a marked degree the faculty of securing the helpful interest of outstanding educationalists and others who have been glad at his request to give their services to the students free of all cost. From the use of a room kindly



loaned for the purpose by the Bible Society, the growth of the School soon necessitated removal to a suite of rooms on College Street, and these being again outgrown, the purchase of a building on St. George Street, has now been decided upon by the Board.

Unfortunately the Theological Students in the several Colleges know little, for the most part, of the W.A., while such knowledge is most desirable when they are ordained and are placed in charge of a Parish. The realization of this on the part of some of the Colleges has brought about an invitation to W.A. officers to go and address the students concerning the Society and its work in a Parish. Such addresses have been given in both Trinity College and Wycliffe College in succeeding years, and possibly in other colleges, and the students have expressed themselves strongly of the help they have thereby received. It is hoped, therefore, that every Diocesan Board where there are Theological Colleges, will see to it that they are visited in this way.

The purchase of the Church House, 604 Jarvis Street, Toronto, and the housing there of the Board of Management M.S.C.C., the Board of Religious Education and the Council of Social Service, was an outstanding feature in the life of the Church. As much work is done there for the W.A.,

especially for the Literature Department, it was felt that it would be right to make a gift from our Forward Movement money towards this purchase, and therefore the sum of \$5,000 was so assigned. In recognition of this gift a Board room was set apart for our exclusive use in the Church House and is so designated. Members will find it near the head of the first staircase.

As it is desirable that all members should be familiar with the details of the Pension Fund, attention is drawn to the fact that it is printed in full on page 416 of the Living Message for December, 1923.

Another forward step, that is one of our landmarks, was the undertaking by the W.A. of a financial share in the work for White Settlers, Indians and Eskimo, carried on by the Board of Management M.S.C.C. by means of definite grants to the several Dioceses, the allocation of which rests with the Diocesan authorities. As the "work for women and children" could not be differentiated, this involved a new method of work for us, but it was decided, after much consideration, to make an annual grant of \$10,000 for this purpose.

At the eleventh Triennial Meeting, held in Hamilton, 1924, Mrs. Patterson Hall, who had been President for sixteen years, declined re-nomination, and as a tribute of affection on her retirement, an ad-



MRS. GILBERT FERRABEE  
Fourth President Dominion Board, 1924.



dress, together with a purse of \$775 was presented to her. This money she afterwards designated towards the Chapel at Alert Bay Hospital.

Surely we were guided by the Holy Spirit in our choice of our fourth President when we elected Mrs. Gilbert Ferrabee, of Montreal, former Diocesan President, to that responsible office. To many of us she was almost a stranger, but very soon one felt she was indeed a friend. Her deep spirituality, her marked executive ability and her keen interest in all sides of the work, and the quickness with which she mastered its many and varied details, makes her an outstanding leader for whom not only the W.A., but the Church in Canada at large, should thank God.

That she has visited all but the three far distant northerly Diocesan Boards, and so, has got into personal touch with the workers, has also been a great gain. Her attractive personality, and her gift of enthusiastic, clear speaking, drew her audiences to her and made them glad that she would no longer be to them a name only.

Two other changes in the list of Dominion Officers made at this time were the election of Mrs. Schofield, wife of the Bishop of Columbia, as Vice-President for British Columbia, and Miss May Burgess, of Montreal, as Secretary of the Junior Department.



A closer drawing together of the Board of Management M.S.C.C., and the W.A., was their appointment of ten W.A. members to be full members of the Appointment Committee, and also the enlargement of the representation of the W.A. on the Board of Missions to include the "elective and ex-officio members of the Dominion Board W.A. as constituted for Annual Session.

Careful rules and regulations were adopted concerning the Dorcas work and arrangements for the Indian Schools, the discussion of which took up a great deal of the time of the Board.

This year is memorable in connection with the Pension Fund, as Miss Young, our pioneer Missionary in Mid-Japan, became the first beneficiary of the fund in January, after 27 years of service.

Another very memorable occurrence in the Church this year was the consecration of the first two native Bishops in Japan, as Bishop of Osaka and Bishop of Tokio, and it was especially a matter for congratulation that the General Secretary, Canon Gould, was able to be present on both occasions.

Bishop Motoda sent his daughter, Hida Motoda San, to continue her education at Trinity College, Toronto, and his sudden death occurred while she was there in the winter of 1927. His successor,

Bishop Matsue, is also personally known to many Canadian Church people as he spent some years in training at Wycliffe College, Toronto.

Two outstanding and beloved Missionaries who passed to Higher Service during the year were Arch-deacon MacKay of The Pas, so loved of his Indians, for his long life of service among them, and Miss Ethel Strickland of Tarn Taran, after 23 years service in that Mission Field.

## CHAPTER XX.

### *The Death of Our Foundress.*

A resolution passed in the previous year authorized the Treasurer to close her books annually at the end of the calendar year, and following this example several of the Diocesan Boards had also adopted the same date for the close of their financial year.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-five marks the entry into our ranks of the last Diocesan Board, that of the newly-formed Diocese of Brandon, an outstanding feature of their work from the beginning being, that of so much importance, the formation of Boys' Missionary Clubs. While part of Rupert's Land—the Diocese which inaugurated this work as apart from Junior Branches of Girls and Boys,—several of these Clubs were organized and carried on in various Parishes, and the value of such training for those who will be the future men of the Church was so evident that it has since been taken up by the Dominion Board, and a Secretary appointed Mrs. Marlow, of Winnipeg, to press forward its adoption in all the other Dioceses.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-five will be held in special remembrance, especially by the older

Members, for on May 27th our Foundress, Mrs. Roberta E. Tilton, whose long and saintly life was an inspiration to those who personally came into contact with her, was called to Higher Service. Another devoted worker whose death left a great blank was Mrs. G. F. Smith of St. John, one of our Vice-Presidents, who was succeeded in her office by Mrs. Llwyd, of Halifax.

An important phase of work in the Prairie Dioceses which has been carried on for a few years, partly with the help of the W.A., is that called "Van work," whereby very many hundreds of isolated children and homes have been reached, and Sunday School and other literature has been taken to them by the drivers of these Vans—generally women—whose fearless and devoted services are greatly appreciated.

When Mrs. Hall retired from the Presidency she very kindly offered to act as Life Members' Secretary, to keep in touch with the former Life Members, and to welcome those who joined their ranks. Her kind and friendly letter, sent at least annually, have been very much appreciated.

The proposal of the President, Mrs. Ferrabee, in her first Presidential address, that we celebrate our 50th anniversary in 1935 by having a Thanksgiving Offering of \$100,000, and of having then a roll of 100,000 Members, has been heartily endorsed.

To secure either of these objects, however, will mean steady hard work and regular giving during the intervening years, and so it is much hoped that each Diocesan Board will appoint a special Thank-offering Treasurer and a special Enrolment Committee to carry into effect, and especially to keep before the Members what each should do to further these plans. If every Member really helps both objects will be fully met.

Our Annual Meeting in Vancouver in 1925 was preceded by a very enjoyable journey from the Eastern Dioceses, two cars being filled by the delegates. One of these cars started from Montreal and was in charge of the President, Mrs. Ferrabee, and on the way they paid brief visits to Calgary and Banff. The second car started from Toronto and was in charge of Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, their stopping points being Winnipeg, Regina and Banff.

And what a "happy band of pilgrims" they were! A man traveller on the train enquiring of one of them, "Who are you?" expressed his surprise when he was told they were members of a Missionary Society, and said, "Why you look jolly and happy!" a remark that caused another hearty laugh when repeated. Many of the delegates had never been so far West ever before and to them, as indeed to all, the journey through the mountains was indeed a series of delights and surprises.



But before the Annual Meeting in Vancouver five delightful days were spent by the members of the Executive Committee, which held its preliminary meeting in the beautiful city of Victoria. While there their labours were happily lightened by a visit to the Chinese Mission, a motor drive about the city, afternoon teas and many other kind attentions shown to the delegates.

A pleasant feature of the Annual Meeting was the receipt of cordial greetings conveyed to us by Mrs. Hazletine from the W.A. of the neighbouring Diocese of Olympia, U.S.A., for which our thanks were voiced for us by Mrs. Hall.

The resignation, because of ill-health, of Miss Bancroft, Dominion Superintendent of Prayer Partners, was received with regret, and Miss Janie Thomas, of Toronto, was elected in her place. Mrs. Hall was made Honorary President, the necessary change in the Constitution having been complied with.

The need of a Sanitarium for Tubercular patients in Mid-Japan was urged, and the Board promised to give all assistance possible if this was undertaken by the M.S.C.C.

The need of a separate organization, apart from the Girls in Junior Branches, for the training of the boys of the Church in Missions, was strongly

urged. A special committee was appointed to confer with the General Board of Religious Education and others how best this could be brought about.

Committees were also appointed in the interest of the Jubilee Fund and Membership, and also concerning the matter of financial aid in the cases where severe illness occurs in the family of Clergy with limited means.

Mention should be made here of the very generous gift from the Toronto Diocesan Board to the Diocese of Honan of \$15,000 wherewith to build a much needed club house for women near the Cathedral in Kai Feng.

It was reported at this meeting that the "Forward Movement" for enlarged membership was progressing satisfactorily. A Speaker's League had been formed in charge of Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, and a number of speakers were available to address Branches in almost all the Dioceses. The need of continued "follow up" work was stressed.

## CHAPTER XXI.

### *Concerning Honan.*

The unrest in China and the difficulties that our Bishop and our Missionaries seemed likely to be called upon to face was much discussed and urgent prayer was called for on their behalf. Whether or not they should be called home was felt to be a matter to be trusted to Bishop White, and he and they were assured of the support of the W.A. whatever action seemed wisest to take.

At the time of this meeting we had thirty-six Missionaries working in the Fields Overseas, sixteen Missionaries and sixty-six Workers in the Indian Schools, two Missionaries and five Workers, with Japanese and Chinese Assistants, under the Oriental Board in British Columbia, and two Missionaries to the Jews in Canada.

Here, as usual, we were most cordially entertained by our co-workers. Mrs. de Pencier gave a reception for the Board at the See House, a delightful motor drive, afternoon tea at Mrs. Ernest Rogers' beautiful house, and kind receptions at both the Japanese and Chinese Missions, all being happy memories.

Our Annual Meeting of 1926 was unique in that the preliminary meetings of the Executive Committee were held in Stratford, where the burden of the entertainment fell upon the two Parochial Branches in that Parish. Most splendidly and capably they bore this burden and result was a very happy sojourn there for their guests.

Unfortunately the Bishop of Huron was absent of necessity for our opening service, in London, but his place was taken by Dean Tucker, whose sermon at the opening service was much appreciated.

Again greetings were received from our sisters of the Woman's Auxiliary of the United States, and these were conveyed to us by Mrs. Cooper, Educational Secretary of the Diocese of New York.

At this meeting the value of the organizing of Boys' Missionary Clubs was again urged. It was pointed out that while the younger boys would join and would work well with the girls in Junior Branches, yet as they get older they frequently fall out as they want to work with boys only. If at that age they can be kept together under the leadership of a woman, or better still, of a man, keenly interested in Missions and one who gets on well with boys, the gain to the Church in the future will be very great. The Diocesan Boards were

urged to undertake the formation of Boys' Missionary Clubs.

A special feature of this meeting was the unanimous resolution that the Dominion Board join the Canadian Branch of the League of Nations.

In her address the President spoke enthusiastically of the good work that had been done by the Speakers' League for the Forward Movement for membership and she urged the Branches to see to it that the necessary follow-up work was carried on.

The President also drew special attention to "The World Call to the Church," and the five Reports issued in England by the Church Assembly giving the details of this Call in all the Fields. This Call was afterwards also the subject of a series of valuable monthly articles in *The Living Message*. The Church in Australia and in South Africa has taken action to respond to this Call, but so far nothing definite has been done by the Church in Canada, unfortunately. Cannot our members urge this important matter in their Parishes?

A worth-while Conference of Missionaries of the several Mission Boards was held in Toronto in February, with Canon Gould in the chair. The subject for discussion was the present conditions in India and China, and a series of resolutions bearing on conditions in China were drawn up and were after-



wards sent to the Prime Minister and to the Consul-General for China in Ottawa.

These resolutions expressed sympathy with the rulers and people of China in the difficulties encountered during the present state of transition in their national life and international relationships. The Conference expressed their desire that for the future the legal rights and liberties of the Missions and Missionaries should be more freely accorded to them by China as a Sovereign Power, and agreed upon in equal conference with China rather than upon existing treaties between Great Britain and China, and they further noted with satisfaction the announcements made by the British Government of willingness to join in steps towards the comprehensive revision of existing treaties between these two Governments.

A forward step this year was the enlargement of The Children's Corner in The Living Message to four pages, and the issue of these four pages separately at a cost of 12 cents a year.

The death of Miss Abdullah, of Kangra, was heard of with sorrow, her devoted work for many years having endeared her to the workers and to the people there in particular.

In response to a request from the Conference in Mid-Japan that the Pensions for the Missionaries be

enlarged and that the term of service before the Pension is due be shortened, it was pointed out that while the W.A. agreed that both requests were desirable, yet as the safety of the Pension Fund depends upon its proper administration as to time of service and grants, it has been actuarially examined and no changes can be made until the capital of the Fund is enlarged.

Owing to ill-health Miss Robbins was obliged to give up the Principalship of St. Mary's School, Kai Feng, and was succeeded by Miss Ruth Jenkins. Miss Robins continued to work in the school, however.

The enlargement of the work at Kangra to include Kulu was heard with pleasure. One of the resolutions passed unanimously was very appreciative of the work of Dr. Lovell Murray and the School of Missions.

A delightful reception at Bishopstowe, another given by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson, and a motor drive about the city, were among the pleasant features of our stay in London.

## CHAPTER XXII.

### *Our Last Triennial Meeting.*

Because of the realization that our work had outgrown Triennial Meetings, and therefore that the Annual Meeting should be vested with full authority in every respect our twelfth Triennial Meeting, held in Toronto, October, 1927, was our last. The attendance was most satisfactory, every Diocesan Board being represented. There were also 76 Life Members and six Missionaries, making in all a voting strength of 212.

At the opening session Lady Willingdon, wife of His Excellency the Governor-General, both earnest Church workers, was presented with a Life Membership in the Auxiliary by the President on behalf of the Board, the framed Certificate bearing the words on it below her name: "A gift to Her Excellency from the Officers and Members of the Women's Auxiliary, in token of their respect and high esteem and as a link to bind her to them in the years to come."

Her Excellency expressed her warm thanks for the honor done her and her appreciation of the work that the Auxiliary is carrying on, and after the National Anthem was sung she left the meeting in order to keep another engagement.

Again we had the pleasure of receiving greetings from our sisters in the United States from the lips of one of their officers, Miss Tillotson, and Miss Glasgow, President of the Girls' Friendly Society, also conveyed greetings. A cablegram of greetings from all our workers in Kangra was an unusual and very much appreciated event of that session.

Our dear Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Halson, after thirty years of service, had declined re-nomination, so when she concluded this her last report and had given a Radio message just received from the Archdeacon of the Arctic, the President amid great applause, read a touching address of appreciation from the members, and also told Miss Halson that she would find a Radio, the gift of the Members, installed in her house when she got home, while then Mrs. Hall handed her a further gift of a Bond for over \$1,000. Baskets of roses from the Toronto Diocesan Board and from the Girls' Friendly Society, and the address beautifully framed were additional gifts, which all went to show the real love so generally felt for one who had worked so untiringly to promote the cause we have at heart.

In case it may seem that this last Triennial meeting was wholly given over to pleasant episodes it is well to say that quite a long time was taken up with a thoughtful discussion of the very full report presented by the Committee on Constitution, and the

result of that hard work may be seen by a perusal of the Constitution and By-laws as printed in the last Report number of The Living Message.

An important decision was that of placing the objective of the Jubilee Fund to be presented in 1935 at \$50,000 instead of \$100,000, as first suggested. One feels tempted, however, to prophesy that as always before the W.A. will be sure to do better than their undertaking.

Among the well-deserved votes of thanks that were passed was one to Dr. Cartwright, who for years has edited the Devotional Page in The Living Message, and another to Miss Hilda May, of Toronto, who annually does the laborious work of preparing the index for publication.

It was a very real pleasure to have with us Bishop and Mrs. White, and many of our staff who had been obliged to return from Honan.

The fact of the unrest in China, which caused this return home at the request of the British Consul there, of the Bishop and all the women members of the Honan staff, as well as of the Missionaries of all the other Boards, was a matter that at first sight seemed to be wholly disastrous, yet which has since proved to be an unexpected blessing.

True, our dear workers on their arrival showed unmistakable signs of the very great strain and anxiety under which they had been doing their work



for a year or more, far greater, indeed, than we had at all realized, and true, also, the native Christians in Honan were left alone to face their many heavy problems. Nevertheless the Church at Home had not at all understood how wonderfully well and wise had been the training of these native Christians towards self-government, and none who heard Bishop White's address to the General Synod in Kingston will ever forget his burning words and the look almost of inspiration on his face as he told of the full organization of the native Church there, of its Synod and many Committees, and of its Canons, in which provision was made for all that was likely to be needed for the guidance of that Church now they are left alone.

Further, he told of how splendidly this infant Church is carrying on, of their provision for the consecration of a Chinese Bishop, and of its gratitude to the Mother Church in Canada, in token of which he, on their behalf, presented a very beautiful embroidered banner, the work of the W.A. in Honan. All this glad news we of the homeland would hardly have understood or realized had it not been for this unlooked-for homecoming.

The election of officers brought two changes only, Mrs. Brimer, then of Winnipeg, was elected Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Dalton, of Toronto, succeeded Mrs. Willis James as Secretary of the

Girls' Department. Mrs. Marlow was afterwards appointed to have charge of the Boys' work.

Of course we had many hospitable kindnesses shown to us during these days, which included a Tea at the See House, given by Mrs. Sweeny, a Reception at St. Hilda's College, with Miss Cartwright as our hostess, another Reception given by Mrs. Cosgrave at Trinity Lodge, and a motor drive, which was concluded by an enjoyable visit to the Art Gallery.

Luncheon addresses were a new feature that brought forth many expressions of approval. One of these by Dr. Lovell Murray described briefly the School of Missions, and another by Rev. J. S. Harrington, spoke of the work of the Bible Society.

The Rev. Canon Cody most kindly addressed a special evening meeting held in the Canadian Foresters' Hall on the League of Nations, greatly to the pleasure and enlightenment of his large audience.

We were delighted to have addresses also through the sessions from the following Missionaries: Bishop White, Rev. Captain Antle, Miss Bowman (Japan), Miss Rapson (Honan), Miss Jackson (Kangra), Miss Watts (Honan), and Miss Black on Jewish work. The Devotional noon-hour addresses were given by Rev. Provost Cosgrave, Rev. E. Ensor Sharp, and Rev. Dr. Pilcher.

The deep love of its Members for the Woman's Auxiliary and all its interests has often been spoken of by others. One of our Bishops from the Far North, however, tells a story in this connection. He was a guest in the Toronto Diocesan House at the time, and as he dried his hands one morning he noticed the letters "W.A." embroidered on the towel. "How those women love the W.A." was his thought, until it occurred to him that possibly those letters were embroidered there not so much for love of the society as for the possibility that the towel otherwise might be carried away by mistake by himself or someone else!

## CHAPTER XXIII.

### *As Guests of Western Dioceses.*

The members of the Executive Committee who live in the Eastern Dioceses enjoyed the privilege of travelling together from Toronto on their way to the meetings of that Committee in Calgary in September, 1928, and of being the guests of three Diocesan Boards en route. The day spent with the Diocesan Board of Keewatin in Kenora was begun by many of the visitors with a delightful trip on the Lake of the Woods amid enchanting scenery, while others preferred quiet hours before the grate fire in the Bishop's Study, and a talk on W.A. matters with some of their kind hostesses. A meeting of the Diocesan Board in the afternoon and a Girls' meeting in the evening completed the programme.

Sunday, September 23rd, was spent in Winnipeg. Members of that Diocesan Board called for the delegates at their car in the C.P.R. Station and took them to a special service in the Cathedral in the morning, and afterwards to luncheon at the Fort Garry Hotel, and in the afternoon they were taken to a number of the homes of the members for rest and tea.

On Monday they were the guests of the Qu'Appelle Diocesan Board in Regina, and were given

a luncheon at the Saskatchewan Hotel, a drive about the city, and afternoon tea at Bishop's Court. The girls entertained us at evening tea, after which a Girls' Meeting was largely attended in the evening.

At Calgary the meetings were held in Paget Hall when all the many reports to be presented at the coming Annual Meeting in Edmonton and many other details were carefully considered. At the opening service of Holy Communion Bishop Sherman was the Celebrant, and a most helpful address was given by Dean Robinson.

A very enjoyable day was spent in Banff on the Saturday by most of the members, who returned to Calgary at night so as to be present at the special services in the Cathedral next day, at which the preacher was the Bishop. The Harvest decorations were especially beautiful.

During our stay in Calgary we much enjoyed afternoon tea at Bishops Court, and an evening reception given in St. Stephen's Hall by the younger women of the Church and the W.A.

While the others were in Banff on the Saturday, Mrs. Williams, of Huron, and I were taken out to visit the Sarcee Reserve by kind friends. This recalled my visit there of long ago, the motor drive over the Prairies taking very much less time than



did the drive behind ponies. Archdeacon and Mrs. Tims gave us a hearty welcome, and it was most encouraging to see the great improvements in the Church and School and Hospital since the days when I had been there before.

On Sunday night we journeyed on to Edmonton, arriving there in time for breakfast October 1st.

In accordance with the requests that had been made, the first day of the Annual Meeting in Edmonton was devoted to Conferences, lead by the officers on the several Departments of the work. While many of the members found these Conferences helpful it was the decided opinion of the majority seemingly that they were not at all as inspiring and helpful as were the Conferences held in Winnipeg in 1918 during the meetings of the Executive Committee, when the members discussed Diocesan and Parochial problems, their findings being passed on afterwards to the Board. It has therefore been decided to discuss the question of the holding of Conferences at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Very sincere regret was expressed by all the members when they heard of the serious illness of the Secretary of the Literature Department, Mrs. Cecil Clatworthy, and earnest prayers were offered for her recovery. Gratitude was expressed to Miss Dalton, the Girls' Secretary, and to Miss Gordon

at the Church House for their work in compiling a summary of the work of the Literature Department for presentation to the Board.

As the Dorcas Secretary-Treasurer had gone to live in Victoria, B.C., the Board at her request had to consider the question of the increased expenditure that would be necessary in connection with her travelling expenses. A letter giving details had been sent to the Diocesan Boards and the decision arrived at that her excellent work be continued was evidently that of the great majority of the members. It was agreed that she appoint supervisors where desirable to assist her as required.

The action of the W.A. members of the Consultative Committee in consenting to the return of some of our Missionaries, Miss Greta Clark, Miss Robbins and Miss Peters, to Honan with Bishop and Mrs. White in September, and that Miss Grace Gibberd, our new Missionary, should also accompany them, was endorsed by the Board. Miss Masters and Miss Watts, and probably Dr. Katharine Travis are to follow them also as soon as it is deemed to be advisable.

In the President's most inspiring address she spoke of the chief Missionary event of the year, the great Conference in Jerusalem at Easter, at which fifty nations were represented, and at which some of the younger Churches—the result of Missionary

work—took a prominent part. In the beginning it seemed as if any unity of opinion would be impossible, and yet before its close four reports were adopted, on The Christian Message, Religious Education, Industrial Problems and Problems of Race.

While these may not voice the opinion of all the Conference, yet one evident agreement was reached—that the greatest drawback to Christianity at present is not the spread of other religions but the organization of society without God, the new peril of secularism. These reports will be looked for eagerly and should be most carefully and prayerfully read and considered.

The serious problems now confronting the Church in the Middle West Dioceses were laid before us at an evening session by the Bishop of Saskatchewan, Archdeacon Knowles, of Qu'Appelle, Dean Robinson, of Calgary, and Archdeacon Burgett, of Edmonton, and during other sessions most interesting addresses were given by our Missionaries on furlough, Hon. Miss MacNaughton, of Kangra; Miss Horebin, of Mid-Japan; Miss Masters, of Honan, and Miss Pennell, who described her experiences in Van work.

Two financial resolutions were passed, one providing for an Administration Fund in connection with the work of the officers, and another providing that any surplus after paying for the enlargement

and improvement of The Living Message, and for a proper working balance shall be paid annually to the Treasurer for the Expense Fund.

Miss Waud, who has been Recording Secretary for 12 years, having refused re-nomination, the President, on behalf of the Board, presented her with a handsome bracelet watch. As this also marked the conclusion of twenty-five years wherein Mrs. Willoughby Cummings had been Editor of the Letter Leaflet, now The Living Message, her fellow-workers gave her a very beautifully engraved gold fountain pen and a gold chain, together with a lovely spray of roses. Both officers found it difficult to express their grateful thanks for these gifts.

The fact that the election of officers was an item on the Agenda brought a realization of the fact of the passing of the Triennial Meeting and the new status of the Annual Meeting. Three changes only, owing to the refusal of officers to accept re-nomination, were made. Miss Wright, of Vancouver, became Vice-President for British Columbia in succession to Mrs. Schofield; Mrs. Butcher, of Moose Jaw, is the new Secretary of the Junior Department, and Mrs. Wodehouse, of Ottawa, is now Recording Secretary.

Archdeacon Burgett was the kind host at a banquet in the Hotel Macdonald, at which his guests had the further pleasure of hearing from the

Mayor of Edmonton something about the surprising history of this new city in the West. Afterwards the delegates went on to an enjoyable reception in All Saints' Parish Hall, kindly given in their honour by the Bishop of Edmonton and Mrs. Gray.

The closing service of Thanksgiving was held in the Pro-Cathedral in Friday evening, October 5th, at which a most inspiring sermon was preached by the Bishop of Edmonton.

And so with this Annual Meeting of 1928, "Our Story" ends, except to draw attention to these figures:—Our record began with seven women. Now in 27 Diocesan Boards we, Seniors and Juniors, number 3,051 Branches with 94,256 Members, of whom 291 are Dominion Life Members. We support 34 Missionaries in the Fields Overseas and we pay the salaries of 17 Missionaries and 76 Mission Helpers in the Home Fields. The Budget we have accepted for the coming year, including the Dorcas work, is \$230,936.00.

Truly, what hath God wrought.

"So long Thy power led us,  
Sure it still will lead us on."





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